



NEXT GENERATIONS

May 20, 2009

Dear Members and Friends,

I'm writing to you as the President of NEXT GENERATIONS. We're a growing group of children and grandchildren of Holocaust survivors dedicated to educating the next generation about what happened during and after the Holocaust. Why us? Because we offer a unique perspective as the witnesses of the eyewitnesses. We feel a special responsibility to those who can no longer speak for themselves. Although it's more than 60 years later, we believe that our history has relevance in today's world in terms of teaching the values we want our children to live by. In telling the stories of our parents as well as those who perished, we emphasize universal messages through our educational projects that resonate with any child who has ever suffered from prejudice, discrimination or persecution. We touch children who struggle now with how difficult it is to come to a new country without knowing the language, having very few resources or an inadequate support system.

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We believe that one person can make a difference. One voice speaking out against bigotry and injustice can become the power of thousands. Our parents rose from the depths of despair and pain to build new lives, new families, successful careers and businesses. Theirs is a story of survival and incredible will. We salute them and we want our children and all children to understand and be proud of their legacy and what each of us as individuals can accomplish despite tremendous adversity. Our parents not only taught us about the darkness of the Holocaust but also about triumph and resilience over evil.

In only four years, NEXT GENERATIONS, an independent force in the community and a 501c (3) not-for-profit organization based in Boca Raton, Florida, has grown into a nationally recognized group with more than 800 families on its mailing list. The group sprouted from my personal passion and the feelings of several other children of Holocaust survivors. We shared the desire to explore our special history and we shared that passion and commitment to use our special status to make a positive impact on our community, on the world, and future generations.

NEXT GENERATIONS sponsors educational workshops, film nights, book reviews on topics of interest, support groups and social events. Our Oral Testimony Project is an educational tool used for diverse students in seven county school districts to teach how one can overcome being different and achieve one's goals with hard work and dedication.

These are extraordinary times. The voices of our parents will soon be silent as more and more of our survivors pass away. We are becoming their voice, making sure not only that our children, but people throughout the world learn about the Holocaust and keep alive the memory of all those who perished. As children and grandchildren of Holocaust survivors, we share our parents' hope that NEXT GENERATIONS educational and outreach efforts will promote greater tolerance and help prevent future genocides and tragedies inflicted on one group by another.

We need your financial support and active participation to keep the voices alive. It is our responsibility to make sure the world never forgets!!!! For those who have already become members, we thank you for your support. Many of you have participated in our social and educational events, but have not yet become active members. You do not have to be a child of a survivor or of the Jewish faith to join us. Our membership is open to all who believe that one person can make a difference and take an active part in fighting intolerance and bigotry.

Let us know that we can count on you. Please join NEXT GENERATIONS; make a special donation; and help us ensure that the torch of remembrance is an eternal light from generation to generation.

*Warmest Regards,
Nancy Dershaw*

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Calendar of Events 2009 - 2010

Nov. 5, 2009 Opening Event

Dec 6, 2009 Bagels & Books

Dec. 31, 2009 New Year's Eve Party

Feb 15, 2010 Workshop

Mar 21, 2010 Bus Trip

May 2, 2010 End of Season brunch

* please check www.nextgenerations.org for continued updates on all our programs and events*



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YOU CAN HELP THROUGH

(Check as appropriate)

_____ NEXT GENERATIONS (open to children & grandchildren of Holocaust Survivors)

_____ Friends of NG (open to anyone who wishes to support NG's mission)

_____ Individual Membership \$18

_____ Family Membership \$36

_____ Lifetime Membership \$180

_____ Special Educational Programming \$360

_____ Donation \$ _____

Name _____ Address _____

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Please forward this form with your check payable to NEXT GENERATIONS to
NEXT GENERATIONS, 140 SE 5th Ave., # 451, Boca Raton, FL 33432.

Thank you for your support!

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