

ANN FEDERMAN

Dear Children of the Future:

My name is Ann Federman. I came to the Kansas City area in the year 1946 because I was a displaced person with no home after the liberation. I spent a year in Germany and, with the help of the Joint Distribution Committee, I came to the United States. When I arrived in New York, the Hebrew Immigrant Aid Society suggested that we settle in Kansas City, Missouri. I found the community to be very open and welcoming to us.

My proudest accomplishment since coming to the United States is that I built a home and a family and created a new life for us. I am also proud of my contributions to Kansas City's fine Jewish community.

The Midwest Center for Holocaust Education is important for Kansas City because it educates about the Holocaust and teaches the lesson that, hopefully, it will never happen again.

From studying the Holocaust you should learn about what happened to the Jews and others who were persecuted because of who they were. People should learn that this can happen to anyone. My message for you, our future generation, is you must not ever forget. You must pass on the lessons of the Holocaust and teach them to others.

Very truly,

Ann Federman
Bendzin, Poland
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