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Dear Children of the Future:

My name is Ann Reisner Jacobson. I came to the Kansas City area in the year 1939 because we had to escape the Nazis in Austria and not perish in a concentration camp.

My proudest accomplishments since coming to the United States are starting the Panel of American Women in Kansas City, founding the Voluntary Action Center in Kansas City, founding the Holocaust Museum in Naples, Florida, and raising three children – a doctor, a lawyer and a banker.

The Midwest Center for Holocaust Education is important for Kansas City because it provides training for teachers who can then teach the lessons to be learned from the Holocaust.

From studying the Holocaust, you should learn the importance of not being a bystander but to stand up for justice, oppose discrimination against any class of people.

My message for you, our future generation, is treasure freedom, seek peace, and make sure that all people have equal opportunities to become the best they can be.

Very truly,

Ann R. Jacobson
Berlin, Germany