

MALVINA STRAS

Dear Children of the Future:

My name is Malvina Stras. I came to the Kansas City area in the year 1948 because my husband had a sister here. He found out in Germany, that's all he had, one sister. My husband wanted to have at least someone in the family.

My proudest accomplishments since coming to the United States are having my 2 sons in the United States. They are American, and they were raised here and we had all the opportunity for them to be educated since we didn't have that chance. They are good students, thank G-d. That's a big accomplishment because we were taken away from everything, we couldn't go for education either. I feel like I gained a lot by giving my kids at least a good education. It was nice to raise them here, they've all grown, they have their own children, one of them has a grandchild, too. I hope to G-d they go in health. I have 3 grandchildren, 1 great-grandchild, all boys.

The Midwest Center for Holocaust Education is important for Kansas City because it is very important that the new generation should learn about what we went through and after that then their own children, the grandchildren – they should all learn about it, what, G-d forbid always could happen and they should remember what their parents had to go through. We hope it never happens in other places. They have a lot to learn.

From studying the Holocaust, you should learn how to appreciate life. That's why people should never give up talking about the Holocaust. It is very important.

My message for you, our future generation, is learn about what happened. It's not everything because you have a car, you have a television, you have a computer. You have to learn to appreciate everything. I pray for the future generation day and night. I pray for them just to be healthy and happy. They should have it much better than I had it.

Very truly,

Malvina Stras
Szatmarnemeti, Hungary
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