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LEADING JEWISH ORGANIZATION RELOCATES NATIONAL HEADQUARTERS TO NEW JERSEY

THE JEWISH FOUNDATION FOR THE RIGHTEOUS LEAVES MANHATTAN FOR WEST ORANGE

WEST ORANGE, N.J. – The Jewish Foundation for the Righteous (JFR), which provides financial support to non-Jews, Christians and Muslims who saved Jews during the Holocaust, has relocated its national headquarters to 80 Main Street.

In addition to providing needed financial assistance to rescuers each month, the JFR preserves the memory and legacy of the rescuers through its national Holocaust education program. The goal of the program is to educate middle and high school teachers about the history of the Holocaust and to provide them with the resources to integrate this knowledge into their classrooms. The initiative brings teachers from around the United States, Poland, and Croatia together for annual seminars and organizes trips for teachers to tour historical sites from the Holocaust in Europe.

“We are continuously looking at ways to reduce our overhead costs so we can commit more funds to our program recipients and education initiatives. Today, technology enables us to do our work from any location and New Jersey represented a significant cost savings in real estate. It is also much more convenient for our staff,” said JFR Executive Vice President Stanlee Stahl.

The organization is looking to expand its volunteer network of Russian, Polish, Ukrainian, Lithuanian, and Albanian speakers who are interested in working with the rescuers as well as translating documents and helping with administrative tasks. New Jersey’s diverse ethnic base brings the organization closer to some of these communities with larger populations in the state. Those interested in volunteering can reach out through the JFR website:

https://jfr.org/volunteer/.

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The JFR continues its work of providing monthly financial assistance to some 350 aged and needy Righteous Gentiles, living in 20 countries. Since its founding, the JFR has provided more than $39 million to aged and needy rescuers – helping to repay a debt of gratitude on behalf of the Jewish people to these noble men and women. Its Holocaust teacher education program has become a standard for teaching the history of the Holocaust and educating teachers and students about the significance of the Righteous as moral and ethical exemplars.

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