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JEWISH FOUNDATION FOR THE RIGHTEOUS SENDS OVER \$300,000 TO HOLOCAUST RESCUERS IN POLAND AHEAD OF THE HOLIDAY SEASON

West Orange, NJ – Ahead of the upcoming Christmas holiday season, The Jewish Foundation for the Righteous (JFR) is sending more than \$306,000 to Christian rescuers of Jews during the Holocaust living in Poland.

The financial assistance includes \$2,550 for each of the 110 Polish Righteous Gentiles the JFR supports. This special award will go toward the purchase of food and other needed items such as medications and home heating fuel during the Christmas holiday. This marks the largest individual awards that the JFR has made in its 30-year history. The JFR also sent \$10,000 to the Anne Frank Fonds in Basel, Switzerland. This grant will enable the Anne Frank Fonds to send needed prescription medication to Polish rescuers. A separate grant of \$5,000 was made to the Kosher Food Pantry in Warsaw, Poland for the distribution of food parcels to Righteous Gentiles living in Warsaw.

In addition to the financial aid, the JFR typically makes home visits to Holocaust rescuers ahead of the holidays, which they will not be able to do this year due to the COVID-19 pandemic. As the pandemic continues to threaten the population, JFR Executive Vice President Stanlee Stahl, under the guidance of JFR Chairman Harvey Schulweis and President Roman Kent, made the decision to provide increased financial and emotional support to rescuers this year. The gifts demonstrate the JFR's continued commitment to helping Righteous Gntiles, no matter the circumstance.

"Poland is home to the majority of Righteous Gentiles which the JFR supports on a monthly basis," said JFR Executive Vice President Stanlee Stahl. "As the holidays approach, we wanted to make the season special for them, especially during this difficult and challenging time when many of these rescuers are facing hardship and isolation due to COVID-19. This financial

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assistance is just one of the many ways we can repay our boundless gratitude for all that they did to save Jews during the Holocaust."

The JFR continues its work of providing monthly financial assistance to some 200 aged and needy Righteous Gentiles, living in 17 countries. Since its founding, the JFR has provided more than \$41 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. For more information, visit https://jfr.org/.