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## JEWISH FOUNDATION FOR THE RIGHTEOUS HELPS 120 RIGHTEOUS GENTILE RESCUERS CELEBRATE HOLIDAYS WITH OVER \$350,000 IN STIPENDS

West Orange, New Jersey – Ahead of the upcoming Christmas holiday season, The Jewish Foundation for the Righteous (JFR) is sending \$350,000 to 120 Righteous Gentile rescuers of Jews during the Holocaust living in 12 different countries.

The foundation provides financial stipends for aged and needy Righteous Gentiles, helping to repay a debt of gratitude on behalf of the Jewish people for their heroism. Since its founding, the JFR has provided more than \$42 million to an estimated 2,500 rescuers in more than 34 countries.

The funds include \$3,000 to each of 120 rescuers along with their usual \$1,000 quarterly award, marking one the largest individual holiday disbursements the JFR has sent in its more than 30-year history.

"Each of these Righteous Gentiles is a hero who confronted their own mortality in order to save their Jewish neighbors from Nazi persecution," said JFR Executive Vice President Stanlee Stahl. "We want this holiday season to be memorable for them, as in their old age, many are facing hardship and isolation. This financial assistance to help them buy food, medicine, and pay the heating bills is just one of the many ways we can repay our boundless gratitude for all that they did in risking their lives to save Jews during the Holocaust."

The JFR continues its work of providing monthly financial assistance to 120 aged and needy Righteous Gentiles, living in 12 countries. Since its founding, the JFR has provided more than \$42 million to aged and needy rescuers. 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 <a href="https://www.jfr.org/">https://www.jfr.org/</a>.