



## Your End of the Year Charitable Giving is Lifesaving!

You have every reason to feel wonderful this holiday season, because you are making a difference in the world. Your donations are helping elderly Holocaust survivors in Eastern Europe right now. Living in horrific conditions, in countries with no support systems, your dollars have come to mean life – literally.

"I want to express my huge gratitude for everything you are doing for me, and from the bottom of my heart want to thank all these generous people, all the donors for their noble actions. With such open hearts you are doing tremendous work helping the unhappy and forgotten. I wish all the donors the greatest success in your noble work, happiness and a lot of bright sunny days. You have hearts of gold, and your generosity is worth all the diamonds in the world."

"If not for your help I would have lost my leg. Thanks to you I am getting better."

"I often think, what would I do if I didn't have such reliable, true and faithful friends? You are righteous people..."

"Because of the money you sent, I have the means to buy medicine, without which I wouldn't be able to live."

Their reality is harsh. Their words compel us. Each survivor needs \$150 every month to keep surviving. It's the difference between life and death. Your donations, large and small, make this possible. Now more than ever they need our help, and every penny counts.

"We cannot find words to express our appreciation of your kindness, warmth, and compassion."

"You and all your donors are ambassadors of kindness."

"*Ambassadors of kindness*." What an unforgettable compliment, an endearment so poignant and sweetly sincere. Your goodwill represents the first time many of these individuals have felt love and kindness coming from strangers:

"My American friends, you are helping us even though you do not know us. The help is not only material, but also moral, for the help shows us that in our quite cruel world, there exists philanthropy, sympathy, and other warm human feelings."

"I can't find words to express how grateful I am for your help. I am indebted to you for the rest of my life. Thanks to the people of The Survivor Mitzvah Project I am alive and did not lose my vision...you do more than one could ever imagine."

## We at THE SURVIVOR MITZVAH PROJECT have been reflecting on this deep appreciation and thinking a lot about gratitude as 2014 is beginning to wind down.

**THE SURVIVOR MITZVAH PROJECT** remains the only organization in the world offering these Holocaust survivors direct and continuous financial aid, and we've been able to do it because you have taken a stance to support them.

**Your donations at work -** Your money goes to work immediately. The SMP is a small, but highly efficient organization that works effectively in emergency situations and delivers your financial aid quickly and directly to these survivors. When we hear of an urgent need, we are able to dispatch funds to people right away. Your donations have also provided for special needs: surgeries, walkers, glucose meters and strips, eyeglasses, home care, etc... Though considered essential healthcare basics in America, for most of these survivors they are luxuries.

## Why me, why now?

If you're new to The Survivor Mitzvah Project you may be asking: "why me, why now?" or "I contributed once."

We are aware you are being inundated with charity requests this holiday season, so to put it simply: THE SURVIVOR MITZVAH PROJECT is a non-profit 501c3 organization that is 100% dependent on donations. Your donations are literally lifelines since no other organization or government is offering financial aid to these spirited but devastatingly impoverished people.

The survivors are entirely dependent on your generosity. The need continues to be great and we hope we can continue to count on you. We are asking, with all the gratitude in our hearts, to stand by these survivors.

If not us, who? If not now, there may be no "when." Sadly, in another 10-15 years every survivor of the Holocaust will most likely be gone. It is now or never. It's as simple as that.



History will remember what we do, how we respond now to these struggling survivors. In honor of the 6 million who perished, you are helping the last of those who survived. There are thousands of Jewish men and women who survived the Holocaust who have yet to be helped. They are elderly and alone, waiting for someone to reach out to them. They need us now, more than ever.

We know you will have to consider your contributions carefully this year and we hope you'll remember THE SURVIVOR MITZVAH PROJECT is a finite project that needs attention now, in

the short term. We thank you again for all you have done and very much appreciate whatever you can contribute again.

## Is there any greater gift you could give this year? Honor your friends and family by making a donation in their name for Chanukah or Christmas.

Everyone will receive a beautiful certificate telling them about the project and the survivor your donation is helping.

Wishing you the best this holiday season and in the New Year. - Zane Buzby

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All donations are tax deductible.

Donate online at: <u>www.survivormitzvah.org</u>

Or send a check to:

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