

## **Harvey Colchamiro**

My wife, Barbara, z”l and I came to Greensboro in 1951 with the intention of leaving after one year of training in my family business. After several months we decided we wanted to stay and raise our family in Greensboro, and became involved in the Jewish community.

I grew up in a family that was born in Europe and knew what deprivation was. My father was extraordinarily charitable and he infused that feeling in me. The Jewish Federation became a significant part of our lives as I took on more responsibility in the Jewish community. We were fortunate to make several trips to Israel sponsored by Federations nationally. I became a board member and chairman of the Greensboro Federation in the 70’s.

The idea of a Foundation was begun when Leonard Kaplan, z”l sponsored an advisor to detail what Greensboro had to do to initiate one. It began slowly and I was fortunate to be the first Investment Committee chair. The Foundation gave the entire Jewish Community a vehicle for giving that cannot be duplicated. The many different communities that entrust their funds with us is truly astonishing, and the work both the Federation and Foundation do makes Greensboro special.

Legacy gifts are what maintain our Federation and I am proud to be able to do my part. My father always encouraged me to be charitable and I am glad I heeded his wishes and advice.