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Create a Jewish Legacy gave us the opportunity to reflect upon and support those organizations that have been meaningful for us and our family throughout three generations.

David's parents, Bootsie, z"l, and Harold, z"l Gutterman, were lifetime role models in generosity, compassion and philanthropy. Harold gave quietly and anonymously to help members of the community who were facing financial hardship. He was compassionate about fairness and helping all people to have access to basic needs and the opportunity for success. Bootsie was involved with youth groups and sisterhood. She participated in numerous philanthropic projects and was part of the original fundraising group preparing and selling sandwiches during the High Point Furniture Markets. They were long time members of Beth David Synagogue where David became a Bar Mitzvah.

Susan's parents, Lucille and Jorge, were active supporters in their faith community and involved in various fundraising activities. It was Susan's Aunt Perla and Uncle Horace, however, who were her philanthropic role models for their lifelong commitment and active involvement with at risk inner city youth as well as all aspects of social justice.

We became active participants in the Jewish community upon our return to Greensboro in 1996. David served on the boards of B'nai Shalom Day School and Jewish Family Service for a number of years; he also was on the Beth David Synagogue Board and its Ritual Committee before serving as President. Susan had worked as Supervising Attorney for Jewish Family and Community Service in Chicago for nine years before becoming the founding Endowment Director for the Jewish Foundation of Greensboro in 1997. She serves on the Greensboro Jewish Federation Board and served on the boards of NC Hillel and B'nai Shalom Day School. Together, we attended the Melton Jewish Learning course, the Greensboro Community Mission to Israel and are ongoing participants in other educational offerings.

Our children, Hannah, Dahlia and Zachary, were fortunate to live in our supportive and generous community. We are grateful for the experiences and opportunities they had to deepen their Jewish commitment and reinforce our family's values. They graduated from B'nai Shalom, attended Camp Ramah Darom, were active in United Synagogue Youth, and had their B'nai Mitzvahs at Beth David Synagogue. In college, all three were active Hillel members. Their strong foundation of *tikkun olam* in Greensboro contributed to their being active volunteers in their respective communities. Zach and Dahlia co-chaired a Dining for Friends event to benefit Triad Health Project, worked on Habitat for Humanity projects and went on Birthright trips to Israel. Dahlia and Hannah participated in Hillel Alternative Spring Breaks; Dahlia helped build a community center in Uruguay, and Hannah rebuilt homes in the Gulf Coast after Hurricane Katrina. Consistent with the values that were reinforced in our family and community, Dahlia regularly participates in charitable activities in her Synagogue and community, and Zach continues to be philanthropically active, contributing to a variety of causes. As a Jewish Professional, Hannah has staffed a Birthright trip, a Women's Philanthropy Israel Mission and Honeymoon Israel trips. Hannah earned her MBA and MA in Jewish Professional Leadership from the Brandeis Hornstein/Heller program, is an alumna of the Jewish Federations of North America Executive and Education Program (FEREP), has worked at the Jewish Federations of Boston, Miami and Atlanta, and is the Atlanta Director of Community Engagement for Honeymoon Israel.

We are grateful that the community of Greensboro provided these opportunities for us and our children and their spouses to continue to support social justice causes in both the Jewish and general communities. It is for these reasons that we are privileged to be able to give back to the organizations that have enriched our lives and those of many others.

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