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Dear Friends,

As we approach the Jewish New Year, I am excited to share the news about the future of The Center for Holocaust and Humanity Education. After much exploration by CHHE's Facilities Planning Committee, with input from many leaders throughout the community, a decision was made by the CHHE board of trustees to relocate its offices, exhibits and activities to Rockwern Academy in Montgomery. I, along with Rockwern Head of School, Peter Cline, believe that this is a win-win for both organizations and that through shared focus on education, great synergy will come from this relationship.

The new space will pave the way to new opportunities and expansion for CHHE and the services it provides. This change offers an opportunity to enlarge the centerpiece of CHHE's work, *Mapping Our Tears*, and increase much needed office and storage space. Rockwern's convenient location provides an opportunity for CHHE to reach new community members and advance its many educational efforts and programming.

CHHE will continue to operate as an independent organization, but will seek opportunities to collaborate with Rockwern students and teachers. Of the many shared values of CHHE and Rockwern, one stands out: both organizations firm commitment to justice. CHHE teaches thousands of visitors a year about the horrors of the Holocaust and the opportunity for each of us to become a voice of change, while Rockwern encourages its students to develop a passion for justice, empathy for others and a desire to change the world.

We are committed to maintaining and expanding relationships and partnerships with numerous organizations, universities, and institutions throughout the city, state, and world. Further, CHHE is grateful for the past support and opportunities during the nine years it has been located on the campus of Hebrew Union College-Jewish Institute of Religion. While CHHE will not physically remain on the campus, we will continue to collaborate with the wonderful faculty and incredible resources of the college.

Additionally, at our annual meeting this past Tuesday, our dedicated President, Dick Friedman passed the leadership of CHHE to new President, Mark Weisser. We thanked Treasurer, Peg Moertl, and Board Member, Arna Fisher for their dedicated service to the board over the past several years. Further we welcomed new board members Darryl Etling, Marcy Kanter, Henry Fenichel, and Senator Eric Kearney.

As we enter the year 5770, we are excited about the changes and look forward to sharing more updates in the coming weeks. In the meantime, if you have any questions, comments, or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact me.

For those of you celebrating the upcoming holidays, l'shana tova, a sweet and meaningful year to you and your family!

All the best,  
Sarah