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CHHE Celebrates Gift from the Gary and Loretta Rabiner Family at its Annual Meeting

CINCINNATI, OH- The Center for Holocaust and Humanity Education (CHHE) announced a transformational gift from the Gary and Loretta Rabiner family at its annual meeting on September 15, 2011. The significant annual and ongoing commitment establishes the *Mapping Our Tears: Tours for Tolerance* program, providing students from economically disadvantaged schools with the opportunity to tour the *Mapping Our Tears* exhibit.

Thousands of students tour the exhibit each year. Visiting groups learn about the Holocaust, its victims, and its lessons through rare artifacts, and filmed testimony of Holocaust survivors, eyewitnesses, and U.S. W.W.I.I. veterans with connections to Cincinnati. Students are exposed to the role individual choices and actions had in allowing the Holocaust to occur, and the actions they can take to build strong communities and prevent this from happening again.

The Rabiner family's generous gift will subsidize field trip costs for disadvantaged schools, provide outreach to educators and school districts, ensure exhibit technology remains up to date, and create new materials for schools before and after their visits.

In her announcement of the gift, Sarah L. Weiss, CHHE's Executive Director, said, "This experience will impact young people for generations to come. Mr. Rabiner, to me, our board, students, and teachers, you are a legend in your own time."

In addition to celebrating the Rabiner family's gift, the annual meeting also installed new President John Neyer. Upon accepting the Board's nomination for Presidency, Mr. Neyer spoke. "Lots of times when I tell somebody of my involvement, they exclaim "But you're not Jewish!" I usually reply by saying "But I am human!" I'm opposed to global warming but I'm not an iceberg. You don't have to have been personally, directly imperiled by the Holocaust to want to see it not happen again and to want to extinguish all vestiges of the fear and hatred that allowed it to happen. In the world I want to live in, we are all interconnected and a threat to one of us is a threat to all of us," reflects Mr. Neyer.

The meeting also recognized past board members and outgoing President Mark Weisser, and celebrated the accomplishments of the organization in the 2010-2011 academic year.

The Center for Holocaust and Humanity Education educates about the Holocaust, remembers its victims and acts on its lessons. Through innovative programs and partnerships, CHHE challenges injustice, inhumanity and prejudice, and fosters understanding, inclusion and engaged citizenship. Each year, CHHE educates over 30,000 community members through its educational initiatives. The Center for Holocaust and

Humanity Education is located on the campus of Rockwern Academy, 8401 Montgomery Road, Cincinnati, Ohio.

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