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**MILLBURN MIDDLE SCHOOL EDUCATION FUND ESTABLISHED  
AT THE SHOAH FOUNDATION**

August 5, 2004; Los Angeles, CA -- The Millburn Middle School Education Fund has been established at Survivors of the Shoah Visual History Foundation to honor the students at Millburn Middle School in Millburn, NJ who have taken a leadership role in paying tribute to Holocaust survivors. A generous donation was provided by the Darivoff Family Foundation to establish the fund.

The students at Millburn Middle School recently held "The Prom of Your Dreams" to honor a survivor they met in class who expressed regret at never being able to attend her own high school prom. The initial idea was to decorate the school gym for a small, simple celebration, but a father of one of the students, who is a caterer, donated a hall, food, and music. The Jewish Community Center of Metrowest New Jersey helped to locate survivors, and soon the event became newsworthy, attracting local media.

"The Millburn Middle School Fund at the Shoah Foundation is a fitting tribute to the remarkable teacher and students for their thoughtful concern and desire to make certain that the lessons of the Holocaust are never forgotten," said Phil Darivoff, Trustee of the Darivoff Family Foundation. "We are very proud of what this extraordinary 8<sup>th</sup> grade class has done."

Douglas Greenberg, Shoah Foundation president and CEO, remarked, "We are delighted that the Darivoff Family Foundation recognizes the importance of making our archive available so that the horrors of the twentieth century might not be repeated in the twenty-first. Survivors wanted their stories to be heard and taken to heart. Each survivor is, therefore, a teacher, putting a real face, a real voice, a real experience directly before this and future generations."

After a decade of remarkable achievement, the Shoah Foundation has amassed the largest collection of videotaped eyewitness accounts of the Holocaust, and uses the testimonies to educate young people about the dangers of bias and intolerance. The Millburn Middle School Fund will enable the Shoah Foundation to pursue a wide-range of educational activities that will support the speedy delivery of these invaluable testimonies to classrooms, students, and teachers around the world.

Public institutions and schools across the United States and around the world need materials and resources to help them explore critical issues related to diversity, multi-cultural understanding, and violence prevention. First-person testimony provides a uniquely contemporary learning experience because video is a medium to which today's students can readily respond. Visual history testimonies allow students to connect, with immediacy, to other people, and through that connection to learn about history and themselves.

**About Survivors of the Shoah Visual History Foundation**

Filmmaker Steven Spielberg established Survivors of the Shoah Visual History Foundation in 1994. Since then, the Foundation has videotaped testimonies in 56 countries and in 32 languages. Today, the Shoah Foundation endeavors to overcome prejudice, intolerance, and bigotry—and the suffering they cause—through the educational use of the Foundation's visual history testimonies. To this end, the Foundation partners with organizations around the world to incorporate testimonies into classroom

lessons and museum exhibits, to create educational products, and to preserve, and provide access to, the entire archive.

Individuals interested in supporting the Shoah Foundation are encouraged to call 818/777-4673 or write to PO Box 3168, Los Angeles, California, 90078-3168. For more information, visit the Foundation's homepage at [www.vhf.org](http://www.vhf.org).

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