Since 1932, the Zedakah Club has been a source of aid and assistance to Jewish families in Metro Detroit. The club, made up of Jewish women from around the community, helped hundreds of families and older individuals in need of financial assistance and an understanding friend over the course of more than 80 years.

With many members reaching an age where carrying on became difficult, the two remaining active members—Betty Steinlauf and Deena Fishman—made the difficult decision in late 2013 to disband the club. Fortunately, however, the legacy of the club’s generosity and effort will live on in the work of Jewish Family Service.

Last fall, the Zedakah Club pledged the remaining $25,000 in its coffers to JFS to help ensure Jewish families in crisis continue to receive the food, shelter and assistance they need. It’s an incredible gift and a fitting tribute to a club that did tremendous good for decades.

The community members still receiving support from the Zedakah Club were referred to JFS’s case management programs, and the club’s financial treasure will continue to serve the community in the future. The members of the club have our endless thanks!