

# It takes a Village

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## A Genealogy of Generosity

In 1932, a group of Jewish women in metro Detroit formed the Tzedakah Club and for more than eighty years they helped hundreds of families and older individuals in need of financial assistance and an understanding friend. Although the group disbanded in 2013, its legacy lives on in the work of Jewish Family Service as the Tzedakah Club's members gave its remaining \$25k to JFS before they shut their books to ensure that Jewish families in crisis continue to receive the food, shelter and assistance they need.

Darrell Jacob's grandmother, Sophia Q. Jacob, was a founding member of the Tzedakah Club and it's clear that the spirit of giving is something that runs in the family. Darrell and her sister Elyse, along with their mother Violet, have recently established a \$100k endowment at the Jewish Federation of Metropolitan Detroit as part of its Centennial Fund. The Centennial Fund is our community's central endowment vehicle, and will help ensure the security of Jewish Detroit for many generations to come.

Earnings from the Jacob's endowment will go toward the existing Martin S. and Violet Jacob and Family Tzedakah Fund at JFS and will provide critical resources to those struggling to make ends meet. The fund has already assisted a single mom facing eviction, an older adult who was unable to cover the cost of new prescription glasses and a family behind on their car payment.

"This generous commitment continues the Jacob family's long history of leadership and support for our community's most vulnerable individuals," says Stacey Deweese, the Federation's Director of the Jewish Community Endowment Fund. "The entire Jacob family truly embodies the Jewish principles of tzedakah."

We at JFS agree. We are incredibly appreciative of the Jacob family and look forward to serving many more community members as a result of this generous gift.



Violet and Martin <sup>z"l</sup> Jacob