

Dear Friends,

**“How wonderful it is that nobody need wait a single moment before starting to improve the world.”** These words from Anne Frank, of blessed memory, embody the spirit of the Birmingham Jewish Foundation.

You may know our mission is to take care of the future, but are you aware that you also can see the results right now...today... of our important work? Thanks to our many Birmingham Jewish Foundation donors, we are able to make hundreds of grants each year. We have been improving the world one step at a time.

As the Foundation, along with our Community, embarks on the historic “Our Next 100 Years” initiative we are planning and planting for decades to come. When we remember the generation before us and look ahead to the next generations already in this Community, it is not so hard to imagine 100 years. These are not abstractions—they are real people to us. We keenly feel our responsibility to them. We are not waiting one more day to ensure our future while also taking care of today’s needs.

This year we are focusing not on our dollar amounts, but what do those dollars really mean? We are highlighting the results we are seeing *now*, every day. Often our donors, who partner with us, tell us how pleased they feel when they see the dreams they had for our Community coming true.

Tikkun Olam—repairing the world—is holy work. What better legacy could you have? We invite you to join the Birmingham Jewish Foundation “family” because *this* is a wonderful moment to start improving the world.

**Melba Epsman**