



Dear Community Partner:

I am writing to ask for your assistance and collaboration in a bold, new initiative being undertaken by our organization, 2C – Creating Communities.

We recently received a small grant to document pivotal stories in the lives of World War II and Holocaust survivors living in Anne Arundel County. Now, it is time to reach out to houses of worship, non-profit organizations, senior centers, and individuals to invite the most valuable resources in our county to share their stories so that current and future generations may learn from these incredible experiences. These stories need to be told—and shared—before it is too late as this generation is vanishing at an alarming rate.

***You can help by connecting us with WWII and Holocaust survivors in Anne Arundel County who may want to share their stories.*** We will make the interviews easy by being well-trained, making personal site visits, and maintaining confidentiality when requested. Our intention is to create a free, easily accessible resource that houses these stories, along with MP3 interview excerpts, videos, and photos.

On our end, we will be recruiting volunteers and training them to successfully and confidentially interview veterans and survivors, and then turn the interviews into cohesive narratives. To fully connect our generations, we will focus on recruiting high school juniors and seniors as volunteers. Not only do these youngsters need service hours to graduate, we want to help facilitate a deeper connection between the oldest generations with the youngest. At the same time, we will seek additional funding to expand the project and design a professional and easily navigable website for the general public.

Please consider the possibilities that this exciting endeavor has to offer. Our goal is to document 100 stories by December 2008. With your help, we can do it.

For further information, please contact me or author Jennifer Keats Curtis, who will be acting as the project manager, at [jcurtis@cablespeed.com](mailto:jcurtis@cablespeed.com) or 410.626.7657

Thank you,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Robert Levit". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

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