Dear Friends,

We are so excited to share the impact we’ve made this last year. As our annual report makes clear, you are an integral and insubstantial part of all we have been able to do. Thanks to you, MAZON is not only a leader in the anti-hunger movement, we also play a unique role in making MAZON so unique.

Of course, there are many reasons, including our singular voice as the Jewish response to hunger. This year was a great example of our ability to act quickly to focus on issues that are going unaddressed or under-addressed in the United States. We have an unmatched capacity to leverage longstanding relationships with our hundreds of partners around the country to help us identify emerging issues, and then to act.

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We’ve partnered with grantees and advocates that span the United States and Israel to ensure hungry people have access to nutritious food today. And our network of advocates is expanding.

We’re engaging youth of all ages and bringing together communities to solve hunger issues that are local and national.

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B’shalom

Rabbi Asher Lopatin

President & CEO

Please visit mazon.org for a complete list of our grants partners, more information on the scope of hunger in America and Israel, what we’re doing about it, and resources so you can take action!
Maurice and Beverly Gersh (Ellyn’s parents) loved to cook and serve food to others. They fed family, friends and even strangers. It was clearly how they expressed their Jewish faith. And it’s certainly how they are remembered.

When it came time to honor Ellyn’s parents’ memory, it only made sense to create a gift inspired by their love of food and serving others. They decided to create an annual memorial grant, which MAZON awards to a food pantry each year. In 2014, the grant was awarded to the Hebrew Union College – Jewish Institute of Religion Soup Kitchen, and in 2013, the grant was awarded to the Freehold Area Open Door Pantry.

“MAZON is an organization that we trust. We love that MAZON works toward ending hunger for people of all faiths and backgrounds and we love the diverse organizations that MAZON funds.”

Ellyn went on to share that “Food is a fundamental need for us all and ensuring that everyone has enough nutritious food to eat is ultimately the impact we want our gift to leave. Our memorial grant, The Maurice and Beverly Gersh grant, allows us to move beyond a local community response and join the fight against hunger in a really significant way.”

And that is just the memory Maurice and Beverly would want to leave.