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Dear Sonja,

We hope this finds you and your loved ones well in these challenging times.

We would like to express our deepest gratitude to you and the German Friends for your generous donation which we recently received in support of the *Bridging the Gap* Program.

The Ruth Youth Wing's "Shared Life" flagship *Bridging the Gap* Program, brings Arab and Jewish youth together to work on joint art projects. It uses the universal language of art to bring children of different backgrounds together who might not otherwise meet in their everyday life. Arab and Jewish youth meet in the Museum's galleries and art studios to work together on joint art projects. The combination of a warm and safe environment, and a prolonged period of time to explore art and creativity together, fosters mutual understanding, respect, and tolerance.

The German Friends have been annual sponsors of this outstanding program since 2009, and your support has enabled it to continue from year to year, and we are most grateful for your steadfast friendship and generous support.

We hope to welcome you to the Museum when circumstances permit.
In the meantime, we send wishes for a happy and healthy new year.

With warmest regards from Jerusalem,

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