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I decided to volunteer for Courage to Care after attending the exhibition in Liverpool in 2003 with my son. He had been to Poland earlier in the year on the March of the Living program.

My maternal grandparents lost most of their family members in the Holocaust. I grew up unaware of their family, as my grandparents never mentioned them. I lived surrounded by cousins, uncles and aunts on my father's side. It is only with maturity I came to understand how different my mother's childhood was, with her only family being her parents, a brother and a sister. I never felt personally affected by the events of the Holocaust until I saw a photograph of my son with a memorial plaque he placed in a cemetery in Poland. For me, this was the first acknowledgment of our loss.

I had always wondered how I, as one individual, could make a difference. Working with this organization I have found the satisfaction in knowing that through this wonderful education programme; tolerance and acceptance of others will be the way to memorialize the lost generations.