



JEWISH FEDERATION OF DELAWARE LANDS 2020 VIDEOGRAPHER AND DOT-COMM AWARDS

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August 18, 2020, Wilmington, DE – Jewish Federation of Delaware was named a winner of a 2020 dot-COMM Gold Award and a 2020 Videographer Award of Distinction for its video and song, *We Grow Stronger TOGETHER*, created by LA-based indie/folk trio Distant Cousins in collaboration with Jewish teens from Delaware and Arad, Israel.

The project entitled, *Cousins in the Classroom*, is a virtual songwriting/community building initiative that connected teens from Delaware and Arad, our sister city in Israel to create a sense of unity during these unprecedented times. Participants met virtually to craft lyrics for an original song that was professionally edited and produced by Distant Cousins. You can watch the inspirational video at:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=JbKEPuoGy6Q>.

“The *We Grow Stronger TOGETHER* songwriting project connected our teens from Delaware and Arad in a unique way,” stated Federation’s President and CEO, Seth J. Katzen. “Our collaboration with Distant Cousins provided a ray of hope and inspiration during these challenging times.”

About Jewish Federation of Delaware

Jewish Federation of Delaware supports programs that feed, clothe, shelter, counsel and rescue thousands of people in Delaware and the Brandywine Valley, in Israel and around the world. We provide opportunities to educate, inspire and celebrate a vibrant Jewish life.

Federation is currently the ONLY NONPROFIT IN DELAWARE to earn the highest ratings from all three industry evaluators – *GuideStar’s* Platinum Seal of Transparency; *Charity Navigator’s* Four-Star Rating; and *GreatNonprofits’* Top-Rated Award. For more information, please visit our award-winning website at ShalomDelaware.org.

About Cousins in the Classroom

Cousins in the Classroom is a songwriting workshop developed by LA-based indie/folk band, [Distant Cousins](http://DistantCousins.com). The mission of the workshop is for each group to write their own song and be involved in the creation of it from start to finish - all the way through the recording process. Students learn from the band’s experience in writing and producing music for film & television and have the opportunity to collaborate with others while tapping into their own creativity.

About the dot-COMM Awards

The dotCOMM Awards is an international competition honoring excellence in web creativity and digital communication. The competition spotlights the role of creatives in the dynamic, constantly evolving web. For more information, visit www.dotcommawards.com.

About the Videographer Awards

The Videographer Awards is one of the oldest and most respected awards programs in the industry, recognizing outstanding video production across all media. For more information visit www.videoawards.com

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