



Letter from the Founder,

During the holidays, I was trying to think of a meaningful gift for my brothers and sisters – all ten of them! As I was browsing through family albums and other photos stashed in shoe boxes, I couldn't help reflecting back on so many 'growing up together memories'. This made me smile, it made me laugh, and it touched me deeply – and that is how I came up with the idea of **Our Living Tree**.

Combining my computer programming experience with my passion for preserving our family bond and precious stories, I created an interactive family tree – one that didn't just capture the past, but brought it to life.

My gift to my family was a CD of our family history, filled with photos and stories of us, along with our addresses, phones, email and our own calendar of birthdays and anniversaries – making it easier to stay connected and keep in touch with each other.

And in my heart, I dedicated this gift to my parents and I included their eulogy for all their grandchildren to read and pass onto their children. The reaction from my family, including over 40 nieces and nephews was very touching.

While designing this gift, I found something I loved working on - so I pursued the idea and developed Our Living Tree Interactive Multi-Media CD.

Our Living Tree CD is the Family Album of the 21<sup>st</sup> Century. It runs on any computer without installing any software. It's easy to use. Here are some of the things you can do with just one click.

- Explore you family Tree to see how everyone is related, quickly jumping between cousins, aunts and grandparents.
- See "Family Pages" filled with photos of parents and children.
- View "Personal Pages" with photo galleries and stories.
- Send email and get instant access to addresses and phone numbers.
- Search for anyone by first or last name.
- Keep track of birthdays and anniversaries using the monthly calendar.
- Watch Photo Videos and home movies set to music.
- Leaf through family timelines of the events that shaped your family history.

Our mission is to help others celebrate their family in an exquisite way and keep the history of their roots alive. It is about passing on values, stories and family history. It is about sharing the photos and home videos of then and now, and all the stages along the way that make us who we are today. It is about feeling the warmth and staying connected with each other. It is about passing our heritage onto each new generation.

Best Regards,

Mary Breakstone