

The Massachusetts 9/11 Fund



Family Newsletter

April 2005

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Welcome to New

Executive Director David Hastings

We are delighted to announce the arrival of our new **Executive Director, David Hastings**. A former Executive Associate Dean of the Friedman School of Nutrition Science and Policy at Tufts University, David brings a wealth of non-profit management and human service experience to the Fund. Please feel free to contact him with comments, suggestions or other information you would like him to know, and assist him in his orientation to our community (email dhastings@hhcc.com or phone - 617-572-3415).

Loretta Kowal

We are saddened to report that one of our founding Board Members, Loretta Kowal, passed away on Sunday, March 27, 2005 after a long and heroic battle with colon cancer. As most of you know, Loretta contributed her entire heart and soul to our organization and we will miss her terribly. In Loretta's honor, we have established the **Loretta W. Kowal Scholarship** in the amount of \$5,000 to be awarded annually on her birthday, March 17th, to a child affected by the events on September 11th. More information about the application process for this scholarship will be forthcoming.

April Board and Family Meeting

The Fund's next Board and Family Meeting will be held on **Thursday, April 14, 2005** at **La Quinta Inn, 23 Cummings Street, Somerville, Massachusetts 02145 (formerly the Tage Inn)** at 7:30 pm. All family members interested in attending should RSVP to LaNitra Webb, Program Coordinator by email at lwebb@hhcc.com or by phone at 617-572-3416. Directions will be provided at the time of RSVP.

Family Fitness Day

The Fund is pleased to sponsor its first **Family Fitness Day** on **Sunday, May 15, 2005** from **11:00 am to 3:00 pm** at the **Sports Club LA** located in the (new) **Ritz Carlton Boston Common, 10 Avery Street, Boston, Massachusetts 02111**. Family members will have access to the fitness facilities of the Sports Club for the day, including exercise equipment, a spinning class, yoga class, basketball court and the swimming pool, as well as the locker rooms and shower. Lunch will be provided by the Fund, courtesy of **Blu**. Children under 16 will be limited to use of the basketball court and pool and can be chaperoned by staff of the Sports Club while a parent participates in other activities. Anyone interested in attending should RSVP no later than **Tuesday, April 26, 2005** to LaNitra Webb, Program Coordinator by email at lwebb@hhcc.com or by phone at 617-572-3416.

September 11th Commemoration

Family Committee

In advance of the upcoming September 11th Commemoration, we would like to solicit interested family members to contact us to participate in the planning of the event(s). Please connect with David Hastings at dhastings@hhcc.com or 617-572-3415.

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Remembrance Book Update

The Remembrance Book has reached the final stage of design. The input from families has been an essential element of all phases of this important project and we appreciate those of you who have been able to attend these meetings thus far. Further information will be provided as the project approaches the production stages - with the final decisions regarding the binding and packaging of the books upcoming.

Adult Education Classes

What do self-defense training, home repair, kayaking on the Charles River, and preparing truly decadent chocolate treats have in common?

The Fund is offering to assist families to take advantage of some unique educational and social opportunities offered by the Boston Center for Adult Education (BCAE). Located on 5 Commonwealth Avenue in Boston, the BCAE offers adult education classes in many areas. We're offering to reimburse up to \$50 toward the tuition for each family member interested in attending one of these classes. Complete information is attached to this newsletter.

Mental Health Program Update

The Fund has identified a well respected and experienced community mental health agency to develop mental health programs for our family members. This agency is **Children's Charter** of Waltham, Massachusetts. We would like to invite parents, their teens and children to a **collaboration and information sharing session** in which together with the staff of Children's Charter, they will design a series of **fun workshops** for the young people to express themselves in unique ways. They will be invited to use a variety of age appropriate

tools and technologies during these workshops including, **television programming technology, video games, and video and audio taping.** This initial collaboration session will be held on **Saturday, May 7, 2005**, in **Waltham**, from **11am to 1:30pm**, and lunch will be provided. We will send out more information on the location of this event at a later date. Family members interested in attending should contact **Diane Nealon**, Social Work Coordinator at dnealon@hhcc.com or **617-572-3513** no later than **Monday, April 25, 2005**. If you and your children wish to participate but cannot on this date. Please let Diane know so she can arrange to get your input at another time.

Family News & Notes

The Fund was pleased to sponsor a trip to New York City on Sunday, April 3, 2005, to an **interfaith prayer service** honoring the Medical Examiner. We were particularly proud of family member **Christie Coombs**, for her moving and eloquent tribute to the Examiner.

Our **Tribute Dinner** honoring Loretta Kowal, Linda Plazonja and Dan Bakinowski was held on April, 8, 2005 at Maggiano's in Boston. The turnout of family members, board members and friends of the Fund was a testament to the great works of these three special people.

If you have information about 9/11 issues or services you would like to share with other family members in next month's newsletter, please contact LaNitra Webb, Program Coordinator at **617-572-3416** or by email at lwebb@hhcc.com.