



StoryCorps - it's worth a listen

StoryCorps (<http://storycorps.net/>) is a national oral history project. They are conducting a special initiative to collect the life stories of those who were lost on September 11 by inviting family members, friends, and coworkers to record memories of their loved ones.

Our colleagues at "Voices of September 11", are working with StoryCorps to provide an on-site session to give interested families the opportunity to record their memories. Recording sessions will take place on Thursday, April 27th from 12:30 to 7:30 pm and on Saturday, April 29th from 10:30 am to 5:30 pm. The VOICES office is located at 93 Cherry Street, New Canaan, CT. Reservations are required.

This is an opportunity to create audio portraits celebrating the lives they lived. With each participant's permission, the audio recordings are preserved in an archive at the Library of Congress where they will live and be listened to for generations to come. StoryCorps also works to record the stories of survivors, rescue workers, or anyone closely affected by September 11 in an effort to collect and preserve the extraordinary stories of that day.

- About the Process

Voices of September 11th and StoryCorps will work together to ensure a private and safe environment in which to make your recording. Each recording session occurs in an interview format and takes approximately one hour, with 40-minutes of actual recording time. When the interview is over, you will receive a free CD copy of your recording. A StoryCorps facilitator will be there to guide you through the process and to conduct the actual recording. Voices of September 11th social workers will be present to provide support to participants if needed. You are encouraged to come with someone you know--a friend, coworker, or family member--to include in the interview or be interviewed themselves. Should you prefer to come alone, a StoryCorps facilitator will interview you.

- How Do I Sign Up?

If you would like to make a reservation, call VOICES Family Liaison Debbie Westfal at (203) 966-3911 or toll-free at (866) 505-3911. Interviews take approximately an hour and will be conducted on Thursday, April 27th between 12:30 to 7:30 pm and on Saturday, April 29th between 10:30 am to 5:30 pm. To help you prepare for the interview VOICES will mail you a pamphlet provided by StoryCorps that includes a list of suggested questions and other information.

- Will this be available in Massachusetts?

We have contacted the organization and they are reviewing the possibility of coming to Boston to offer a similar service.

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Upcoming Events**Board of Directors Meetings**

May 17, 2006

And

July 17, 2006

Dinner at 5:30 PM

Meeting 6:00 - 9:00 PM

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**Community Support Groups**

– Coffee Connections &amp;

Coping

Sundays 2:00pm – 4:00pm

at Regis College in Weston,

MA

April 9, 2006

May 7, 2006

Wednesdays 6:30pm –

8:30pm at the MA 9/11 Fund

Offices in Boston, MA

April 26, 2006

May 24, 2006

**2006 Needs Survey - please send in your forms**

To those of you who have already responded - and there are many of you - we thank you. To those who have not yet responded, we urge you to return your 2006 Needs Survey. Not only will you qualify to enter the drawing for a first edition of the Massachusetts 9/11 Fund commemorative pin, but more importantly, your responses will help us plan for the future. Contact David if you have not received a survey form - it is not too late to complete one.

**"63 reasons to hope" - more progress to report - and the video**

In February we reported on Judy and Edward Drapeau of New Hampshire, who had worked diligently over several years to raise enough funds - pennies at a time - to be able to provide an education fund for each of the 63 babies born to women widowed by the attacks of September 11, starting with the purchase of a \$50.00 United States Savings Bond. The network of September 11 advocates has been terrific in stepping up to assist us in identifying and contacting the mothers of these little ones. We are offering to provide these bonds with the funds raised by Judy Drapeau, and will not divulge the identities of the children or their mothers. We have purchased a VHS copy of the original Primetime Live episode that ran 08/29/02 - "63 reasons to Hope: The Babies of 9/11", which is the program that motivated Ms. Drapeau to step into action and support these moms and their babies. If you would like to borrow the video, please let us know.

**Community Support Groups – Coffee Connections & Coping**

The Massachusetts 9/11 Fund and Catholic Charities are pleased to invite all Fund family members to a series of support groups entitled "Coffee Connections & Coping", designed to assist our community in coping with this difficult trial experience. These support groups are presently scheduled in two hour sessions – the first hour will be an update and information sharing session among family members about the trial process. We imagine that this will be particularly useful for those family members who are not attending the trial, but have questions about it based upon what they have seen in the news. The second hour will be an educational session designed to teach family members practical stress management skills in order to provide all with useful tools in dealing with the trial process. The educational session topics include "Creating a Safe Place", "Play as an Antidote to Stress", "Office Yoga" and "Meditation Basics". The schedule is as follows:

Sunday afternoons from 2:00pm – 4:00pm at Regis College in Weston, MA

- April 9, 2006
- May 7, 2006

Wednesday evenings from 6:30pm – 8:30pm at the MA 9/11 Fund Offices in Boston, MA

- April 26, 2006
- May 24, 2006

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## Moussaoui Sentencing Trial – Boston Update & Community Services

### **Courthouse Specifics**

The closed circuit television (CCTV) viewing room at the **Moakley Federal Courthouse in Boston** for the Moussaoui sentencing trial is open to court-credentialed family members. Family members who have received permission to attend can still pick up their credentials at the U.S. Attorney's office. Now that the first phase of the sentencing trial has been completed, court has resumed April 6, and will continue until the final decision is made regarding the punishment. However, since the schedule of court sessions could change at any moment, family members planning to attend the trial are urged to check the web site for the Court in the Eastern District of Virginia for the most up to date scheduling information: <http://www.vaed.uscourts.gov/notablecases/moussaoui/index.html> or by calling the Eastern District of Virginia's information line at: **866-556-8421**.

The trial is scheduled daily from **9:30 am** until **5:30 pm**, Mondays through Thursdays, although it is possible the Court will decide to hold Friday sessions as well. The CCTV viewing site schedule will mirror the court calendar for the actual trial in Eastern Virginia. This means there will likely be no snow delays/cancellations as are possible in Massachusetts, even in April, and the CCTV site will be **open** on Evacuation Day and Patriots Day (both of which are not federal holidays).

### **Victim Assistance at the Courthouse for Credentialed CCTV Attendees**

The Massachusetts 9/11 Fund Inc., the Boston Medical Center and Catholic Charities have combined resources with the United States Attorney's Office to provide victim assistance onsite for the duration of the trial. Experienced, licensed psychologists and social workers are available to listen and provide support to those attending the trial. Kindly be aware that **no** child care of any sort will be provided at the courthouse.

### **Financial Assistance to Attend the Trial**

The Massachusetts 9/11 Fund and Catholic Charities are inviting credentialed family members who may require financial assistance in order to attend the closed circuit television broadcasts to complete the attached, **'9/11 Interagency Application for Financial Assistance to Attend the Moussaoui Penalty Phase Trial'**. At this time, we are reimbursing those with financial need for costs such as parking, transportation, hotel rooms, meals and child/senior care. Completed applications may be mailed to the Fund, c/o Diane Nealon. Please note, this assistance is only being offered to family members who are credentialed to watch the trial.

### **Community Services - available to everyone, whether or not you are attending the trial**

- **School Outreach**

A few family members have asked for the Fund's assistance in educating their child's school about the potential effects of the Moussaoui trial on children. The Massachusetts 9/11 Fund and Children's Charter are available to do this outreach on an individual basis. For more information on how to access this service, please call Diane Nealon

Please contact Diane Nealon for any questions or concerns about the trial proceedings, or the services available onsite at the Courthouse.

**9/11 INTERAGENCY APPLICATION FOR FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE  
TO ATTEND THE MOUSSAOUI PENALTY PHASE TRIAL**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ (Home) \_\_\_\_\_ (Work)  
 \_\_\_\_\_ (Cell)

Please check one of the following to indicate how you were affected by 9/11:

\_\_\_\_\_ I lost a family member in the terrorist attacks of 9/11/01 (please fill out information below)

Name of lost loved one: \_\_\_\_\_

Relationship to lost loved one: \_\_\_\_\_

My address on 9/11/01: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ I survived the terrorist attacks of 9/11/01 (please fill out information below)

Your location during the attacks: \_\_\_\_\_

Please indicate the dates (if you know) when you plan to attend the Moussaoui penalty phase trial. If you are not yet certain, please indicate the frequency you plan to attend the trial – i.e., daily, weekly, etc.

The following is a list of expenses approved for reimbursement for eligible family members and survivors of the attacks. Please check all those for which you would like financial reimbursement.

| <i>Place a check mark next to all categories for which you are requesting assistance</i> | <i>Category</i>                | <i>Daily Cost</i>  | <i>Estimated Number of Hrs/Days Needed</i> | <i>Sub-total by Category</i> |
|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------|--------------------|--------------------------------------------|------------------------------|
|                                                                                          | Parking                        | \$8.00             |                                            |                              |
|                                                                                          | Child or senior care           | Per Hour - \$15.00 |                                            |                              |
|                                                                                          | Meals (lunch)                  | \$15.00            |                                            |                              |
|                                                                                          | Hotel                          | \$120.00           |                                            |                              |
|                                                                                          | Daily Roundtrip Transportation |                    |                                            |                              |
|                                                                                          | < 25 miles                     | \$12.00            |                                            |                              |
|                                                                                          | 25 – 50 miles                  | \$23.00            |                                            |                              |
|                                                                                          | 51 – 100 miles                 | \$45.00            |                                            |                              |
|                                                                                          | 101 – 150 miles                | \$67.00            |                                            |                              |
|                                                                                          | > 151 miles                    | \$90.00            |                                            |                              |
|                                                                                          | <b>Total Daily Need</b>        |                    | <b>Total Financial Need</b>                |                              |

Please describe any other cost not listed above which you would like considered for reimbursement:

**Please attach a copy of your most recent Federal Tax Return to this application and mail to the MA 9/11 Fund**

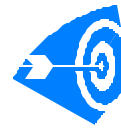
## Important Notices



### **America's Camp Enrolling for 5th Exciting Summer!**

America's Camp is now enrolling boys and girls, ages 7 to 15, for its fifth summer in the beautiful Berkshire Mountains of western Massachusetts. The session will begin on Wednesday, August 16th and finish on Wednesday, August 23rd. This week-long, sleep-away camp is offered at no cost to eligible families. The campers have diverse backgrounds and interests, but share a common experience – they have all lost a parent or sibling in the 9/11 attacks or in the line of duty at any time as a firefighter or police officer. A mature, enthusiastic staff is thoroughly trained to ensure a positive, fun, supportive environment. Campers participate in a wide range of sports, crafts, water activities at the pool and lake, trips and special events. For information about the camp and enrollment, families should:

- Call the camp office at 1-800-548-6295
- E-mail director Andy Cole at [andy@americascamp.org](mailto:andy@americascamp.org)
- Visit the camp website at [www.americascamp.org](http://www.americascamp.org)



### **Red Cross Reimbursement for Mental Health Care Scheduled for Closeout**

The Fund has been informed by the Red Cross that it intends to close out its 9/11 Mental Health and Substance Abuse Program (known to many as "LIFENET") in 2007. This program, among other things, provides reimbursement for uninsured costs incurred for up to 32 sessions of outpatient mental health counseling with a licensed provider. The program also offers limited reimbursement for psychiatric medications and inpatient psychiatric hospital stays. A complete description of program is available at [www.9-11MentalHealth.org](http://www.9-11MentalHealth.org) or by telephone at 1-800-LIFENET (1-800-543-3638). The deadline to **enroll** in this program is **January 2, 2007** (enrollment is completed by calling the 1-800-LIFENET number). The last date of service which will be reimbursed by this program is **December 31, 2007** and the last date to file a claim for reimbursable services is **March 31, 2008**.

Please note – this program does allow you to claim eligible uninsured mental health treatment costs retroactively back to 9/11/01. If you or anyone in your family is or was incurring out of pocket costs for mental health treatment since 9/11, we strongly encourage you to take advantage of this program before it ends. Family members will not be allowed to "carry" any unused portion of the benefit.

**Register with Scholarship America** - Register eligible dependents in one of the following ways: phone toll-free 1-877-862-0136, email to [scholarships911@scholarshipamerica.org](mailto:scholarships911@scholarshipamerica.org) or visit their website [www.scholarships911.org](http://www.scholarships911.org). If you experience any difficulty at all with the registration process, or have questions after contacting Scholarship America - please get in touch with us as soon as you can.

**\$5,000 in Uninsured Health Costs Assistance from Twin Towers Orphans Fund** – Twin Towers Orphans Fund provides up to \$5,000/year for uninsured physical health costs and uninsured mental health costs incurred by children who lost one or both parents on September 11th. Contact Twin Towers Orphan Fund at (661) 633-9076 or at <http://www.ttof.org/>.

**Last Call for Free Financial Planning Assistance** - If you would like to avail yourself of a completely free, no obligation financial planning consultation as a family member, please contact the 9-11 Financial Planning Relief Services coordinated by Ms. Claude H. Collins, Program Coordinator for Pro Bono Services at 1-800-322-4237, extension 7138. Their website is <http://www.fpanet.org/public/support/911relief.cfm>. This program will end May 31, 2006.





## Health Care Support Program - Please sign up by May 31, 2006

The Board of Directors of the Massachusetts 9/11 Fund reminds all that we have a new program to help eligible families with some health care costs. The program, named the "Health Care Support Program", is now available.

**What does the program cover?** - Eligible families can choose from **one** of the following alternatives

- OPTION 1 - receive reimbursement for 50% of health and/or dental insurance premiums for a maximum of two years.
- OPTION 2 - receive reimbursement for up to \$2,500 annually for each of two years for out-of pocket deductibles, co-payments, or payments for professional health care services where your benefits have been exhausted. Costs submitted for reimbursement are not eligible for submittal to any other reimbursement program including LifeNet and all other 9/11-related funds and grants. If in doubt, contact Diane Nealon for any questions about eligibility for other health care support programs.

**Program Length** - Two Years

- The program will run for 24 consecutive months and can be started any time from 1/1/2006 through and including 5/1/2006. You may select the start date when you request consideration for eligibility.
- Each year you will select an option which will stay in force for twelve months once it is selected. You may change options only once thereafter - to affect the second year. Near the conclusion of month twelve, you can request a different option, which will go into effect on the first day of month 13 of the 24 month program.

**Who is eligible?** The program's current requirement is that you satisfy all of the following criteria. These criteria are subject to change given appropriate federal and state regulation and legislation:

- Relationship - You were impacted by the attacks of 9/11/01. "Impacted" is defined by one of the two following definitions:
  - You are related to an individual killed or injured in the September 11th terrorist attacks (relationship must be either as parent, spouse, child, sibling or domestic partner. This relationship does not had to have been one in which you were financially dependent upon the loved one who was killed or injured)     **or**
  - You suffered personal injury or trauma as a direct result of being at the World Trade Center area (whether as a victim or a rescue worker)
- Residency - where you lived on 9/11/01 and where you live now:
  - Current - you can provide documentation that you currently live in Massachusetts, New Hampshire or Rhode Island
  - Prior - you can provide documentation that you lived in Massachusetts, New Hampshire, or Rhode Island on 9/11/01
- Income:
  - The annual taxable income for an individual (documented by a copy of your federal tax return) can not exceed \$94,200. For families, the annual taxable income cannot exceed \$188,400. Please note - this is a change from the original program design, necessary to comply with appropriate Internal Revenue Service advisories and regulations.

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**How do I request an eligibility determination?** - Families requesting eligibility need to send the following documents. These can be provided by mail, or by email using scanned documents in PDF format.

- a cover letter indicating
  - for persons related to a lost loved one(s)
    - the name(s) of the individual(s) requesting eligibility, their relationship to the loved one(s), and the name of the loved one(s).
  - for people who were directly injured or traumatized as a result of being at the World Trade Center site on 9/11/01
    - your name
  - a statement choosing which option you would like
    - Option 1 - insurance premium reimbursement **or**
    - Option 2 - out-of-pocket reimbursement
  - the start date you choose for your eligibility
    - any date from 1/1/2006 through and including 5/1/2006) to begin.
- a completed copy of your 2005 tax return (covering 1/1/05-12/31/05). Please only send the 1040, 1040A or 1040EZ. We do not need any attachments or supplementary schedules. This will also serve as documentation of your current residency.
- a copy of documentation establishing the state of your residency on 9/11/01. This can be a utility bill, mortgage or rent bill, or a 2001 tax return (federal or state).
- for those persons related to a lost loved one, a copy of documentation supporting your relationship to your deceased loved one(s)

*If you believe any of the above documentation is already on file at the Fund, please let us know. Duplicates are NOT necessary. We will respond promptly to all families requesting a decision on their eligibility for this program.*

Please direct your email correspondence to [david.hastings@massfund.org](mailto:david.hastings@massfund.org)

The mailing address is:

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Health Care Support Program  
75 Kneeland Street - Sixth Floor  
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**What is the process for submitting paid bills for reimbursement once I am told I am eligible for this program?**

Eligible families submit copies of paid bills (no more frequently than once per month, please) for reimbursement consideration. The mailing address to use is the same as immediately above.



Website of the month: [www.ourvoicestogether.org](http://www.ourvoicestogether.org).



"Our Voices Together" is a new non-profit, non-partisan organization founded by families and friends who have lost loved ones to terrorist acts. Families reaching out to families around the world, they are using their collective voices and resources to address international poverty, foster goodwill globally and promote international understanding. They have chosen to honor those who lost their lives to terrorism through the efforts of this organization. Launched on September 11, 2005 they are seeking to strengthen efforts of those who have lost loved ones to terrorist acts and are working to counter terrorism through global engagement and positive works as well as to mobilize and enable people to take action to help create a safer, more compassionate world.

Currently families involved with "Our Voices Together" are in Massachusetts, New Jersey, New York, Vermont, Maryland, Washington DC, South Carolina, and Pennsylvania, just to name a few.

They are interested in extending an invitation to family members and friends this spring to join with universities to mark the 5<sup>th</sup> anniversary by rekindling the global solidarity against terrorism and the outpouring of goodwill so many families experienced in the days following the attacks, as part of a comprehensive approach to counter-terrorism through global engagement and positive works. "Our Voices Together" is inviting universities to organize "Build a Safer, More Compassionate World" forums on their campuses on/around September 11, 2006. These forums will highlight actions at the individual and international levels that help build a safer, more compassionate world and foster discussion of a comprehensive U.S. strategy to counter terrorism that, as the 9/11 Commission Report recommended, "includes economic policies that encourage development, more open societies, and opportunities for people to improve the lives of their families and to enhance prospects for their children's future."

Interested in participating? - please contact:

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