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Day of Service Events

Saturday, January 30
10:00 am – 2:00 pm
Yawkey Center Food Pantry
run by Catholic Charities
185 Columbia Road
Dorchester, MA

Health Care Support Program Complete in 2010
Program Ends 5/31/10 for June 2009 Start Dates

The Health Care Support Program will be closing at the end of May, 2010, after over four years of assisting MA 9/11 Fund families with out-of-pocket health care costs. Although the program will not be extended, the original lifetime was doubled from the initial two-year program introduced in 2006. We are happy to report that we've paid over \$500,000.00 to support the health care needs of nearly 150 individuals over the past four years. If you are currently enrolled in the program, please remember the 90-day deadline for submitting claims and if you have any questions, please contact Alyse Mazerolle at alyse.mazerolle@massfund.org or via telephone at 617-482-8151.

2010 Commemoration
Looking for Family Members for the Planning Committee

The Massachusetts 9/11 Fund will soon be engaged in the planning phase for next year's Commemoration. We are looking for family members to join the Commemoration Planning Committee which steers the decision-making for the day's activities. The Committee begins meeting in March on a monthly basis until August, when additional meetings may occur. Meetings are roughly 1 ½ hours in length and are usually held at our office location. We have had a wonderful and dedicated group of individuals participate in the past few years and are always looking for new voices and ideas. Please contact Erica Cabag at erica.cabag@massfund.org or 617-482-8153 for more information and/or to sign up. We hope you can join us.

Days of Service
Events to be scheduled throughout 2010

Our Day of Service in November, the Thanksgiving Food Drive with the Salvation Army, was a success. The Massachusetts 9/11 Fund was represented by 15 individuals who assisted the Salvation Army with distributing 1,200 Thanksgiving baskets to low-income families and individuals in the Greater Boston Area.

As we continue to foster the spirit of volunteerism throughout the year, we are scheduling several days of service in 2010. For our next Day of Service, we will join Catholic Charities at their Yawkey Center food pantry in Dorchester to stock their pantry shelves. This will take place on Saturday, January 30th, from 10:00 am – 2:00 pm. If you are interested, please contact Erica Cabag at erica.cabag@massfund.org or 617-482-8153 to

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sign up. As you can imagine, supplies are heavily depleted after the holiday season, so if you would like to donate food items, please feel free to bring them to the event.

Kowal Scholarships

2 Recipients Selected, Program to Close

The Fund is pleased to announce that two recipients were selected for this year's Kowal Scholarship. These scholarships assisted two young children with their educational needs. This scholarship program is now closed. Since 2007, we were able to provide close to \$43,000.00 through 7 scholarships for educational assistance.

Voices of September 11 Living Memorial Workshop

Preserve the memories of your loved ones; workshops slated for February and April

The 9/11 Living Memorial Project, by Voices of September 11, is an online interactive tribute commemorating the lives and preserving the stories of September 11, 2001. This digital archive documents the lives that were lost, the firsthand accounts of rescue workers and survivors as well as the recovery of corporations at the World Trade Center, the Pentagon and Shanksville, PA.

Voices of September 11 hosts workshops all over the country, working one-on-one with family members to create thousands of memorials. Tentative dates for the Boston workshops are February 16-17 and April 26-27.

These workshops will give family members a chance to work directly with Voices of September 11 staff to gather items such as: photos, biographies, eulogies and other written materials. Also, they will help with photographing tangible items such as personal belongings and artwork. Their team of social workers will help participants through the process of organizing these fragile mementos to create a meaningful tribute to your loved ones.

Please contact Erica Cabag at erica.cabag@massfund.org or 617-482-8153 to sign up for the Boston workshops. We will announce finalized dates shortly.

The online memorial can be found at <http://www.911livingmemorial.org/>; to learn more about Families of September 11, please visit them at <http://voicesofsept11.org>.

If you have a community event that you would like to announce in our next newsletter, please feel free to contact us at 617-482-8153 or info@massfund.org. Event announcements are also made on a regular basis on the homepage of our website. Please check regularly for upcoming events.