

Upcoming Events

Suze Orman Q & A
For MA 9/11 Fund Family
Members

Borders Books & Music
10 – 24 School Street
Downtown Crossing
Boston, MA

Friday, March 2, 2007
12:30 pm (book signing)
2:00 pm approx. (Q&A)

RSVP Required

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New Year Wishes & New Look for the Family Newsletter

We'd like to take a moment to offer all in our community our warmest wishes for a healthy and peaceful New Year. As we move into 2007, we are excited about the Fund's future and welcome the input of any and all family members who wish to have a role in our organizational transition. We are looking forward to scheduling more events and activities which will continue to offer an opportunity to grow and support each other over the New Year.

We hope you will enjoy receiving our newsletter in its new format and **quarterly** schedule. It is our hope that this will streamline the information coming into your homes on 9/11 related issues. If we receive important information that cannot wait for our next newsletter, we will forward it to you in an email or in a separate letter. As always, family members are welcome to contact us with questions at any time.

Thank You to John Curtis and Welcome to New Executive Director, **Ted Livingston**

The Fund sincerely thanks Board Member John Curtis for all of the time and energy he put into supporting the Fund, its family members and its staff in his role as Interim Executive Director. We are so pleased John will continue his dedication to the Fund in his continued role as a Board Member.

We'd also like to extend a warm welcome to our new Executive Director, **Frederick "Ted" Livingston**. Ted's background in business development and strategic planning will serve the Fund well, as we transition the organization into its next phase. Please feel free to give Ted a call with any questions or concerns about the Fund or any 9/11 related issue, or even simply to just welcome him aboard. Ted can be reached at 617-482-8150 or at executive.director@massfund.org.

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Battleship Cove Newsletter Available for MA 9/11 Fund Family Members

Battleship Cove's year-in-review newsletter magazine *The Bay Stater* has just been released. There is an article about the September 11 memorial that was unveiled last October. If you would like a copy of this newsletter, please contact **Erica Cabag** at 617-482-8153 or erica.cabag@massfund.org and a copy will be sent out to you.

News from Ground Zero

Updates from City of NY Medical Examiner's Office

We recognize that there has been increased attention on the ongoing search and recovery of remains at Ground Zero from the media and other family groups. **Family members interested in receiving timely first-hand updates from the City of New York Mayor's Office and Medical Examiner's Office regarding these efforts are encouraged to register with Diane Nealon at the Fund for this purpose.** We have established a regular schedule of contact with these offices and can provide interested family members with accurate, current information about this important and sensitive work. In addition, the Medical Examiner's Office has let us know that many addresses they have for family members for notification purposes are now out of date – therefore, if you have moved within the last five years, you may wish to update your contact information with the Medical Examiner's Office by contacting them at **212-447-2030**. If you need assistance communicating with the Medical Examiner's Office, please do not hesitate to let Diane know.

We realize that some family members do not wish to receive emails or updates from us regarding these issues. If that is the case, please be sure to let Diane know.

World Trade Center Memorial and Museum Update

The MA 9/11 Fund is working with representatives of the **World Trade Center Memorial Foundation** to bring a presentation to Boston for family members to learn more about the planned memorial and museum. We will send around a meeting notice by email when we have a date set for this event. **Family members without email are asked to call Diane Nealon before January 30th for an update.**

Financial Assistance Still Available

Are you still having financial difficulties after 9/11? The MA 9/11 Fund's Financial Grant Program may be a resource for you. The program has recently undergone some revisions to ensure that family members can receive individualized referrals to professional advisors who will help family members address obstacles to self sufficiency. Please note: family members do have to provide documentation of appropriate residency, income, assets and debts to meet the Fund's qualification guidelines. To see if you qualify for this program, please contact **Diane Nealon** at the Fund.

2007 Needs Survey Coming Soon

It will soon be that time of year again when we need your input to help us design our programs and services. Please watch your mail and email for our annual survey – an anonymous way for you to help determine the future of the Fund by letting us know what needs you and your family have going forward.

Save the Date! Suze Orman Book Signing Event and Private Q & A for MA 9/11 Fund Members

Financial expert and author Suze Orman is making herself available to MA 9/11 Fund family members for a private question and answer session after a book signing event at Borders Books & Music, 10-24 School Street, Downtown Crossing, Boston, MA on **Friday, March 2, 2007 at 12:30 pm**. If you would like to attend the private Q&A event after the book signing (roughly 2:00 pm), please **RSVP to Erica Cabag** on or before **February 15, 2007**. You can read more about Suze and her expertise at www.suzeorman.com.

Spring Social Event Being Planned Now

The Fund is in the process of planning a fun social event in March. Ideas being considered include bowling/game night or a simple potluck dinner. If you have an idea you would like to see considered, please contact **Diane Nealon** at the Fund. Please watch your email and mail for more details about our plans.

'we remember' Photo Tribute DVDs Available

Extra copies of the video montage played at the Fund's commemoration each year at the State House are available for family members who want them. If you did not attend the luncheon this year and did not receive a copy, please contact **Erica Cabag** so she can send one out to you.

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Important Program & Benefit Reminders

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 or visit their website 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 the Twin Towers Orphan Fund at (661) 633-9076 or at <http://www.ttof.org/>.



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