

Upcoming Events

**Voices of Sept. 11th
9/11 Living Memorial
Workshop**
Wellesley, MA
March 11, 2008
By appt. only.
To make an appt., call:
(866) 505-3911
For more info:
www.voicesofsept11.org

**Red Sox Game for
MA 9/11 Fund Families**
Boston, MA
June 7, 2008
Tickets are first come,
first served.

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Summer Event: Red Sox v. Seattle Mariners Saturday, June 7th

Join us in watching the Boston Red Sox take on the Seattle Mariners at Fenway Park on Saturday, June 7! Tickets are **\$50.00** each on a first come, first served basis. Seats are located in the Right Field Box section. **Maximum ticket purchase is 2 per household.** Depending on demand, we may be able to extend to 3 tickets per household. Financial assistance is available to those who are experiencing a hardship.

For those attending the game, we are hosting a pre-game reception at Jillian's that will take place from 2:00 pm – 3:30 pm.

Ticket reservation requests will be taken on a first come, first served basis beginning **Saturday, April 12 at 10:00 am.** Reservation requests can be made by email (preferred) to erica.cabag@massfund.org, or, if you do not have access to email, leave a voicemail reservation request by calling **617-482-8153** (or 617-482-8156 if the first mailbox is full). Please leave your name, number of tickets, number of adults and children under 16 and a contact phone number or email address. **(Note: Please do not call or email reservation requests before this date and time as they will not be accepted.)** Once you have received confirmation of your reservation, we will send details on how to send in your payment and how to collect your tickets.

Please call Erica if you have any questions. We look forward to hearing from you!

Financial Assistance Available to Young Children Loretta Kowal Scholarship Program

A reminder to parents of children enrolled in elementary, secondary or therapeutic educational programs that financial assistance is available to assist with these costs through the **Loretta Kowal Scholarship Program.** These scholarships are available to any dependent child of a victim of the September 11th, 2001 terrorist attacks. The child must be a Massachusetts resident and have a financial need for elementary, secondary or therapeutic educational programs, which may include tutoring and/or camp programs. (Please note - this scholarship program is not available for post-secondary education). The child needs to have established at least twelve consecutive months of Massachusetts residency before applying to the scholarship program. The child's parent or guardian must demonstrate the financial need through tax returns.

Applications for the 2008-2009 academic year will be accepted through July 30th, 2008. To complete an application, contact Diane Nealon at the Fund or download it from our website at:
<http://www.massfund.org/lorettakowalscholarships.html>.

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In memoriam

Loretta W. Kowal

Special Section: Remembering Our Loved Ones Lost

As many of you know, there are several projects currently underway in an effort to help families memorialize their loved ones lost on September 11th. These are quite varied in scope and in their choice of medium, so for your convenience we've compiled a brief summary of a selected few below. If you are aware of a memorial project you'd like us to publicize, please don't hesitate to get in touch with us.

National September 11th Memorial & Museum

The National September 11th Memorial and Museum is continuing development and artifact collections. Several meetings with various 9/11 organizations (including the MA 9/11 Fund) and other stakeholders have been facilitated by the Memorial and Museum staff in order to assist them with these planning efforts. Much of these meetings have focused on the display of some very sensitive, painful and graphic artifacts. The Fund is able to offer a more detailed report of these planning efforts to interested family members. To request this report, or to learn how to provide input to the Museum staff, please contact Diane Nealon at the Fund. Those interested in a more general update on the Memorial and Museum are encouraged to visit their web site at <http://www.national911memorial.org/site/PageServer?pagename=homepage2>.

Voices of September 11th Living Memorial

Voices of September 11th, a Connecticut non-profit advocacy and service organization, is continuing outreach efforts to develop its 9/11 Living Memorial – an online interactive tribute commemorating the lives lost during the terrorist attacks of September, 11, 2001 and the February 26, 1993 World Trade Center bombing. These online interactive tributes can include as little or as much information as you'd like and eventually, will be made available to the National 9/11 Memorial and Museum in New York as well as the Library of Congress. Families are welcome to submit photos, videos, audio recordings, poems, newspaper articles, drawings, etc. To view example of online tributes, or for more information about the project, please visit: <http://www.voicesofsept11.org/dev/index.php>.

Family members can create submissions in several different ways. They are welcome to work one-on-one with Voices at their office, over the phone, or in person at a local workshop. For MA 9/11 Fund family members, the next local workshop will be held on **Tuesday, March 11** at the Wellesley Free Library from 1p-7p, by appointment only. To make a reservation, please contact Michelle Doherty at Voices by phone, 203-966-3911 or by email at mldoherty@voicesofseptember11.org.

Battleship Cove Memorial

Battleship Cove in Fall River, Massachusetts is home to the Commonwealth of Massachusetts' official war memorials and a 9/11 memorial dedicated to families with ties to Massachusetts who lost loved ones on September 11, 2001. The Battleship Cove memorial contains the names of the same individuals listed on the Boston Public Garden Memorial. This beautiful granite memorial was unveiled in October of 2006 and will soon also include a **computer kiosk** with educational and historical information about the September 11th attacks, as well as biographical information about each name on the memorial. This biographical information will come from the New York Times publication Portraits of Grief, as well as online submissions from Legacy.com.

In some instances, family members may wish to create different kiosk entries for their loved one lost. To inquire about how to do so, please contact Diane Nealon at the Fund.

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StoryCorps Audio Recording

StoryCorps, a New York non-profit agency is also continuing efforts to collect audio recordings of family member's recollections of their loved ones lost on September 11th as part of their special **September 11th initiative**. Audio recordings generally consist of family members interviewing each other about their memories of the lost loved one, or, of a family member being interviewed about their lost loved one by a specially trained StoryCorps staff member. StoryCorps' mission is to honor and celebrate one another's lives through listening, and they hope to collect at least one recording for each of the 2,973 lives lost in the September 11th attacks. With permission, interviews can also become part of the collection at the National September 11 Memorial and Museum, in addition to the Library of Congress. To learn more about StoryCorps September 11th initiative, please call 646-723-7027 or visit their web site at: <http://www.storycorps.net/special-initiatives/september-11th>.

Family members are able to create these audio recordings in a few, convenient ways. From time to time, the MA 9/11 Fund is pleased to host StoryCorps interviews at its office in Boston. If you are interested in recording your interview at our office, please contact Diane Nealon at the Fund and she will coordinate this with you. If you would prefer to record your story at home, you can do so either by renting a portable recording equipment package through StoryCorps, or by using your own equipment and following StoryCorps "Do it Yourself" Guide. More information about recording your own story at home is available on their web page at <http://www.storycorps.net/record-your-story/cant-come-to-us>.

MA 9/11 Fund "we remember" – Potential as Museum Artifact?

As many of you know, the MA 9/11 Fund was pleased to help approximately eighty families design and create their own remembrance book, called "we remember". This book was published in 2005 and is a beautiful collection of families' poems, writings and photographs memorializing their loved ones lost on September 11th.

The staff at the National 9/11 Memorial and Museum in New York were quite moved when several family members shared with them their submissions in "we remember" – so much so that the Fund has been asked to consider whether a copy of the book could be preserved and potentially displayed at the National 9/11 Memorial and Museum at Ground Zero. **We are seeking input from those family members who participated in the project about this possibility.** If you participated in "we remember" and would like to share your thoughts on its potential display at the museum, please contact Diane Nealon at the Fund.

Family News & Notes

Family members **Larry, Diane and Dan Hunt** were honored this year at the Sacred Heart High School annual Caritas Gala on the school's campus in Kingston, MA. Larry, Diane and Dan were selected as award recipients for their 30-plus year commitment to the school and for their remarkable work and dedication in support of the 9-11 Fund. William Christopher Hunt, Larry and Diane's son and Dan's brother, was a 1987 graduate of Sacred Heart High School. William Christopher Hunt died on September 11, 2001 in 2 World Trade Center while at work at EuroBrokers.

If you would like to include an item in the Family News & Notes section of the Fund's quarterly newsletter, please submit the information in writing to info@massfund.org, subject line "Newsletter Family News & Notes." We will confirm the information prior to print.

2008 Commemoration Planning Committee Forming Now

Committee members meet approximately once a month to assist the staff in planning the services and luncheon for the annual commemoration. In addition, members communicate frequently by email. If you are interested in joining, please contact Diane Nealon at the Fund before **March 31, 2008**.

Important Fund Program Reminders

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Attention Health Care Support Program Participants 2007 Tax Return Submissions Due

As we enter the third year of this program, please remember to submit a copy of the first **two pages of your 2007 tax return** for continued eligibility requirements. If you are filing an extension, please notify us so we can anticipate receiving a copy in October. If this document is unavailable to you, please contact us for other accepted forms of income verification. Your tax returns should be sent to Erica Cabag at erica.cabag@massfund.org or mailed to the Fund offices. If you have any questions, please contact Erica at 617-482-8153. Thank you!

Discounted 9/11 Book Still Available

At a family member's request, the Fund has obtained a few signed copies of **Aftermath: World Trade Center Archive**, by Joel Meyerowitz. This work is a collection of photographs taken of the destruction at the World Trade Center following the 9/11 attacks. *Please be advised this is a very graphic work.* Copies are available through the Fund for \$55 by contacting **Diane Nealon** at the Fund.



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