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Upcoming Events

**Informational Meeting re:
WTC Memorial & Museum**

Tuesday, April 24, 2007
6p-8p
Offices of MA 9/11 Fund
Boston
RSVP Required

Red Sox v. Orioles

Saturday, May 12, 2007
1:05pm
Pre-game Reception
Jillian's Boston
11:00 am
Tickets Required

**9/11 Living Memorial
Boston Workshops**

Thursday, May 17, 2007
2-4p or 6-8p
Offices of MA 9/11 Fund
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RSVP Required

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Commemoration 2007 – Planning Committees Forming Now

Interested in shaping the 2007 Commemoration services in Boston this year? Consider joining one of the committees below – each of which will have an important role in planning the different parts of this year's services. We'd like to recruit family members to these committees before the end of the month, so if you are interested in joining one of the groups described below, be sure to let Diane Nealon at the Fund know your committee choice **before Wednesday, April 25th**. Introductory meetings of all committees will begin in May.

State House Ceremony Committee

This committee will meet at least once a month initially, and as September 11th draws closer, probably semi-monthly. Action items will include music selection, recruitment of speakers, name readers, organization of the volunteers, program design and development of a media strategy.

Sweeney Award Outreach Committee

This committee will meet monthly from May to July in order to help publicize the award and solicit as many nominations as possible throughout the Commonwealth. If you have public relations experience, we welcome your input.

Luncheon Committee

This committee will meet at least once a month initially, and as September 11th draws closer, more frequently. Action items will include menu selection, seating plan, ballroom and reception layout, development of activities for the children's room and organization of volunteers.

Have You Set Up a Charitable Organization? Share Inspirational Stories at Commemoration

At our most recent Family Advisory Committee meeting, we proposed a theme for this year's commemoration of September 11th. We'd like to highlight the impressive number of positive accomplishments that have resulted from the efforts to memorialize the lives lost on 9/11. The Committee suggested recognizing the countless individuals who have benefited from the myriad of foundations, scholarships and other charitable organizations that have been set up to honor those killed on September 11th and hearing from a selected few in some form (we haven't finalized how yet). We know that there are many people who fit this description and we know we can't hear from/about all of them, but **we'd like to get a representative sample.**

If you have set up a foundation, scholarship or other charitable organization and have an inspirational story about one of the recipients, please let us know! An individual does not have to be willing to speak in order to be considered. **Submissions should be sent to Ted Livingston at the Fund before May 15th.**

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Want an Additional Copy of the Remembrance Book?

For those who participated in the Remembrance Book project, the Fund is offering an additional two copies of the book *per family/layout*. If you are interested in receiving an additional copy, please contact Erica Cabag at the Fund via email. Please provide Erica with your name, address and number of copies requested, and she will send them to you. You are also welcome to pick your copies up at the Fund offices. If you have any questions regarding the Remembrance Book, please do not hesitate to contact Erica.

News from Ground Zero

World Trade Center Museum & Memorial Staff to Visit Boston Families

Representatives of the **World Trade Center Museum and Memorial** are coming to Boston to offer a presentation to local Fund members and 9/11 survivors about the planned memorial and museum. Items to be discussed include memorial design, museum layout and exhibits, as well as information about how stories and artifacts will be collected in the future.

The meeting is scheduled for:

Date: Tuesday, April 24th, 2007

Time: 6:00 pm - 8:00 pm

Place: The MA 9/11 Fund offices
75 Kneeland Street Sixth Floor
Boston, MA 02111

Directions to our office can be found at:

<http://www.massfund.org/directions.html>

A light dinner will be provided. **Please RSVP by Tuesday, April 20 directly to Erica Cabag at 617-482-8153 or at: Erica.cabag@massfund.org**

If you are not able to attend the meeting but have specific questions you would like answered, please let us know and we will do our best to get you the information you need.

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.

Online Teen Chat Project – A Collaboration between Families of September 11th & The Good Grief Program

We are pleased to share information about a terrific collaboration being developed between **Families of September 11th** (FOS11) and **Boston Medical Center's Good Grief Program** for an online teen chat program. Participants in the program can share experiences related to 9/11 in a safe environment facilitated by FOS11 Advisory Board Member Dr. Donna Gaffney. To ensure safety, a secure sign-in process will be used and all participants need signed permission forms. Before the project is kicked off, FOS11 and Boston Medical Center invite teens aged 16-19 to participate in a focus group in order to help the staff develop a program best suited to their needs. Dates being considered include April 27th, April 30th and May 9th; the location will be determined based upon the convenience of the participants. **To sign up for the focus group, please contact Deborah Rivlin at Boston Medical Center's Good Grief Program at 617-414-3616.** If you would like more information about the program, please don't hesitate to contact Deborah Rivlin or Families of September 11th at **212-575-1878**. As always, please remember that mental health and support needs vary for each person. We strongly recommend checking in with a licensed mental health professional about your needs and your teen's needs to see if a particular support program is appropriate for you and your family.

Voices of September 11th to Bring 9/11 Living Memorial Workshops to Boston

The MA 9/11 Fund is pleased to host a day of workshops brought to you by Voices of September 11th for those family members interested in learning more and possibly contributing to the **9/11 Living Memorial**, a permanent, web-based digital archive commemorating the lives and stories of September 11, 2001 and the February 26, 1993 WTC bombing. The site will eventually be incorporated into a portal at the to-be-built WTC Memorial Museum as a core component of the Museum's digital resource center and available to the Library of Congress. The workshops will be conducted on **Thursday, May 17th** at the offices of the Fund in Boston from **2p-4p** and again from **6p-8p**. Professional staff will assist families, rescue workers and survivors to organize commemorative keepsakes, photographs and write personal tributes. State-of-the-art technology will be used to effectively digitize, archive multidimensional content. Information describing the project in more detail can be found at www.911livingmemorial.org. **Please RSVP your attendance at this workshop on or before Friday, May 4th to Erica Cabag at the Fund. Be sure to specify which workshop you would like to attend.**

Recruiting New Family Advisory Committee Members

Are you interested in shaping the future programs of the MA 9/11 Fund? Please consider joining our Family Advisory Committee. Members meet approximately every other month to share input and ideas with the staff about programs to meet the needs of different family members. **If you are interested in joining, please contact Diane Nealon at the Fund before April 30th.**

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Important Program & Benefit Reminders

Health Care Support Program – Year Two

For those participating in our Health Care Support Program (HCSP), we are confirming eligibility for the second year of the program. **Please send a copy of the first two pages of your 2006 tax return to Erica Cabag at the Fund.** Please make sure the tax year and adjusted gross income are legible as they tend to be cut off when copied. This program serves those who reside in MA, NH or RI. If you have moved, please let us know. The address can be found at the end of this newsletter. Deadlines for submitting receipts have been established. **We will accept expenses up to a year after the date of the service, or by September 1, 2008 – whichever date occurs first.** Currently we are not accepting costs incurred prior to mid-April 2006 (costs incurred before enrollment in the program will not be reimbursed). If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Erica at erica.cabag@massfund.org or (617) 482-8153.



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