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2009 Commemoration Updates
Public Garden Memorial and State House Events

The Commemoration Planning Committee and MA 9/11 Fund staff are hard at work planning for this year's Eighth Anniversary Commemoration. Invitations for these events will be mailed out shortly. If you are available to volunteer some hours in late July to help us conduct the mailing, please let us know.

The RSVP deadline is Friday, August 14.

We are seeking name readers and poem readers for our services at the Public Garden Memorial and at the State House. If you are interested in participating, please contact Erica Cabag at 617-482-8153 or erica.cabag@massfund.org.

2009 Theme: Volunteerism & Service;
Upcoming "Day of Service" projects

As mentioned in our last newsletter, our theme of volunteerism and service is a major focus, coinciding with the establishment of September 11 as a National Day of Service. Our first "Day of Service" event held in June at the Yawkey Center food pantry run by Catholic Charities was a success. Fifteen family members spent the afternoon packing over a hundred bags of food for the community of Dorchester, MA.

As we embrace our theme, we would like to offer opportunities for you and your family to volunteer as part of our MA 9/11 Fund community. You will notice that some events fall on September 11. Of course, we welcome you to join us at the Commemoration events in Boston, but if you wish to honor the day in a different way, below are some options. If you would like to participate in any of these projects, please contact Erica.

Saturday, August 15 and/or Friday, September 11: we are looking for teams of 12 people to participate in two Build Days with Habitat for Humanity Boston. We are still finalizing the site location, but it will be either Dorchester or Needham. The day begins at 8:30 am and ends at 3:30 pm. Please RSVP by Friday, July 24.

To learn about Habitat for Humanity Boston, please visit their website at www.habitatboston.org.

Friday, September 11: The Red Cross, Boston Red Sox and Beth Israel Deaconess Medical Center will honor those lost so others may survive by hosting their 7th annual Day of Remembrance Blood Drive at Fenway Park, Boston City Hall and various locations across New England. The Fenway Park blood drive runs from 6:00 am – 12:00 pm while the drive at City Hall is being held from 11:00 am – 6:00 pm. Since this event coincides with our Commemoration Services, the Red Cross is happy to assist 9/11 family members with transportation to either location. Please let us know if you plan

Day of Service Events

Saturday, 8/15/09
Build Day 1 with Habitat for
Humanity Boston
Dorchester or Needham

Friday, 9/11/09
Build Day 2 with Habitat for
Humanity Boston
Dorchester or Needham

Friday, 9/11/09
7th Annual Day of
Remembrance Blood Drive
Various in Boston, MA

Sunday, 10/4/09
Children's Room Annual
Memories Walk & Fun Run
Arlington, MA

Saturday, 11/21/09
11th Annual Salvation Army
Thanksgiving Project
South End, Boston

to participate and if needed, transportation can be arranged.
To learn more about The American Red Cross Blood Services, please visit their website at www.newenglandblood.org.

Sunday, October 4: We are coordinating a team to participate in the Children's Room Annual Memories Walk & Fun Run to celebrate their 10th Anniversary. The Children's Room supports grieving children, teens and families. The event begins at 1:00 pm with registration at Town Hall in Arlington, MA. The Walk begins at 2:00 pm with celebrations taking place from 3:00 pm – 5:00 pm. Please contact us if you wish to join the Fund's team.

To learn more about the Children's Room, please visit their website at www.childrensroom.org.

Saturday, November 21: we are recruiting a group to distribute food baskets at the 11th Annual Salvation Army Thanksgiving Project at their South End location in Boston. They are set to provide low income families in the Greater Boston area with hearty meals this November.

To learn more about the Salvation Army, please visit their website at www.salvationarmy.org.

Again, if you would like to participate in any of these events, or if you have any questions, please contact Erica Cabag at 617-482-8153 or erica.cabag@massfund.org. If you cannot attend any of these events but would still like to help, please let us know. We will be posting and updating our Day of Service projects on our website in the near future, so please visit www.massfund.org/commemorationevents/2009.html regularly.

Program Highlights and Reminders

Changes to the Loretta Kowal Scholarship

The eligibility criteria for this year's recipients have been expanded in two significant ways: the level of education and the age of the student. This scholarship is now available for the following areas of study for family members meeting the eligibility criteria below.

Description

The Massachusetts 9/11 Fund will award annually several scholarships to honor the memory of Loretta Kowal, former board member. Currently, the Fund plans to award up to \$25,000 in scholarships for the 2009-2010 academic year. The award is for one school year, but a family may apply again in subsequent years.

Covered Areas of Study:

Elementary School, Secondary School, Therapeutic Programs, Tutoring, Camp, Post-Secondary Education and Graduate Studies

Eligible Family Members

Eligible family members are related to an individual killed or injured in the 9/11/01 terrorist attacks (the relationship must be that of spouse, domestic partner, sibling, parent or child) or were present at one of the sites of the 9/11/01 terrorist attacks and suffered a direct injury or trauma as a result.

Eligible family members must have current residency in Massachusetts, New Hampshire or Rhode Island, and have had this residency for at least twelve months before being awarded the scholarship.

Eligible family members will have a household income which falls below this year's federal poverty guideline, multiplied by five. Based on current (2009) data, participants' income must fall below the following income amounts:

Household Size	Maximum allowable Income
One:	\$ 54,150
Two:	72,850
Three:	91,550
Four:	110,250
Five:	128,950
Six:	147,650
Seven:	166,350
Eight:	185,050

Application Process and Deadlines

A parent, guardian, guidance counselor, teacher or other adult can apply on behalf of eligible students for the period June 22nd, 2009 - June 21st, 2010 by filling out the application found on our website at <http://www.massfund.org/lorettakowalscholarships.html>. Eligible adults may also apply by completing the same application. Please mail it, together with a copy of the first two pages of the student/parent/guardian's latest federal tax return, to Diane Nealon.

The applications must be received on or before August 5, 2009 for the 2009-2010 academic year. A committee consisting of Fund staff and board members will review the applications and announce the recipients on August 17th, 2009. Particular consideration will be given to students with specialized medical or psychiatric needs. If you have any questions, please contact Diane at 617-482-8156 or diane.nealon@massfund.org.

About Loretta Kowal

Loretta Kowal was a clinical social worker who spent her professional life fighting for the rights and welfare of children and others who had suffered tragedy and loss.

A founding board member of The Massachusetts 9/11 Fund, she was an essential member of the Fund's Professional Advisory Committee. Loretta had a vital role in shaping the Fund's essential commitment to local families affected by the tragic terrorist attacks of September 11th and she tirelessly volunteered countless hours of her time to the organization, making sure that each family she worked with received specialized attention and care. The Fund was deeply saddened by her death on March 27, 2005 from cancer. Loretta is survived by two sons, David and Robert. We are honored to keep her spirit with us through these scholarships.

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In memoriam

Loretta W. Kowal

Board of Directors Updates

New President and addition of family members

In June, 2009 we held the annual meeting of the Board of Directors. During the meeting John H. Curtis was elected President and David Hastings was elected Vice President. John and David, along with Faith R. Arter, Jim Fisher and Eric Lowrey, make up the Executive Committee of the Board. We are also pleased to welcome to the board newly elected family members Peg Ogonowski and Sally White.

Our thanks and gratitude goes to Faith R. Arter for her tireless efforts and work as Board President since December 2003. As most of you know Faith was an original member of the Board and has been a strong leader for the Fund ensuring it worked hard for our families. She presided over the completion of the Public Garden Memorial, and personally completed many tasks, small and large, to maintain the focus of the Fund on the families. She will continue to be a member of the Board as the Fund's Treasurer.

We would also like to thank former members Dan England and Steve Kerrigan for their hard work and support since 2004 and 2007 respectively. Thank you!

Upcoming MA 9/11 Fund Family Events

Red Sox v. Toronto Blue Jays, Saturday August 29th

We have a small number of tickets available for the August 29 game. If you are interested, please contact us at your earliest convenience. Tickets are \$26/person.

This is a reminder for those who are attending the event. Before the Red Sox take on the Blue Jays, don't forget to join us in the Club Room at Jillian's Boston beginning at 5:00 pm. You'll be able to get your tickets, grab a snack and play some pool before going through the turnstiles at Fenway Park. Erica Cabag has been in touch with those who have tickets reserved – please make sure to send in your payment by Wednesday, July 29. For those who do not plan on attending the reception, please let us know so we can send your tickets via mail. If you have any questions, please contact Erica.

Family Events in the Community

William C. Hunt Scholarship Fund Golf Tournament

The Sacred Heart Golf Classic 2009 will take place on Monday, October 5th in Kingston, MA. The event includes an 18-hole Scramble, box lunch, gift bag, prizes, dinner and Fun! Registration/lunch is at 12:00 pm and the Shotgun Start is at 1:00 pm. Dinner will follow.

Early registration (prior to 7/30/09) is \$140 per player; after is \$150 per player. Sponsorships are also available: \$1,200 for Corporate Sponsorship; \$500 for Classic Sponsor; \$250 for Putting Green or Range Sponsor; \$125 for Tee Sign; \$3,000 for Dinner Sponsorship.

The Championship Team will be presented the Hunt Trophy, awarded in memory of Bill Hunt '87.

100% of the proceeds from the Gold Classic will benefit the William C. Hunt '87 Scholarship Fund at Sacred Heart High School in Kingston, MA.

For more information, or to register, please contact the Tournament Committee at 781-585-7511, ext. 345 or via email at sgiovanetti@sacredheartkingston.com.

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.