

Upcoming Events

Sixth Commemoration of 9/11 Services - Boston

Tuesday, Sept. 11, 2007
Massachusetts State House
RSVP Requested

Online Teen Chat

Friday, August 24th
Registration Required

Story Corps/Boston

Monday, October 29th
Tuesday, October 30th
Offices of MA 9/11 Fund
Boston, MA
RSVP Required

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Details for Sixth Commemoration Services in Boston

RSVPs Requested

Invitations to the 2007 Boston Commemoration of September 11 were mailed out several weeks ago. Please be sure to return your RSVP card to us **as soon as possible** so we may have enough time to plan appropriately. *We will only be able to guarantee reserved luncheon seating for those who respond no later than August 31st.*

IMPORTANT - Program Changes Regarding Name Reading & Video Montage

Please take note of several important changes to this year's program. **The reading of the names of those lost in our community on 9/11 will take place this year at 8:30 in the morning, OUTSIDE**, during the flag lowering ceremony on the State House lawn (weather permitting). If the weather does not permit this, the names will be read inside the House Chambers as in the past. Please check our web site (www.massfund.org) on September 10th for the most up to date information.

Also, please note - based upon feedback from the Family Commemoration Committee, this year there will be a **break in the House Chamber Program before the video montage** is shown for those who would like to step out for a moment.

Commemoration Fully Accessible for All Mobility Levels

If you or another family member has particular mobility needs, please contact the Fund as soon as possible so we can make special arrangements to make sure you can comfortably participate in all commemoration events. **Please note - we are pleased to offer a shuttle service from the State House to the private luncheon, but can only accommodate family members with mobility issues who have specifically requested this service in advance.**

Updated List of Charities/Scholarships/Memorials

As you may recall from previous notices, this year's commemoration will focus on the incredible number of charities, scholarships and memorials that have been created in memory of loved ones lost on September 11th. We'd like to thank everyone who took the time to send us updates on these organizations. Please watch your email in the next week for an updated list of these organizations - it will be your last chance to make any corrections or edits before we publish this list for this year's commemoration program. If you do not have email, please call Diane Nealon at the Fund.

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More Details for Boston Commemoration

Photos of Local Memorials Needed

We would like to display photographs of local memorials at this year's luncheon reception. Please submit either an 8 x 10 copy or submit a digital copy with a resolution that will print well at that size, along with the name of your loved one, location of memorial, and year it was unveiled. With paper photograph submissions, please write your name on the back of the picture. If you have any questions, or to submit photos, please contact **Erica Cabag** at erica.cabag@massfund.org or via mail to Erica's attention, "Re: Memorials Display". **Kindly send all photos in on or before August 31st.**

Requests for Public Speakers/Interviews

As always during this time of year, the MA 9/11 Fund receives requests from various organizations and the media for family members to speak at various 9/11 related forums and/or on 9/11 related issues. **If you are interested in receiving these requests, please contact Diane Nealon at the Fund.**

On September 11th, many media organizations are present throughout the day at different parts of the commemoration observation. As we did last year, we will work with these organizations to structure their family interview requests at a specific time and location on that day. If you are interested in being a part of this process, please call Diane Nealon at the Fund.

News from Ground Zero

World Trade Center Museum & Memorial

Family Committee Forming

A family member is interested in forming a committee to provide input to the World Trade Center Museum and Memorial regarding the design of a family room. Those interested in working on this committee should contact **Dottie Grodberg** after August 20th, by phone at 617-983-8181. Dottie is hoping to connect with 6 -7 family members.

Monthly News Updates

The staff of the World Trade Center Museum and Memorial is publishing monthly news updates regarding the construction and acquisition of exhibits. We will forward these along by email - anyone without access to email is asked to contact Diane Nealon and she will send them out to you by regular mail.

Connections for Teens Ages 12 - 14 – Join a Chat Room! A Collaboration between Families of September 11th & The Good Grief Program

Families of September 11, in partnership with The Good Grief Program of Boston Children's Medical Center, are offering you a chance to connect with other teens in a safe online environment.

Sign up for their [first chat session](#) on **August 23rd from 7:00 – 8:00 PM** and talk with other teens who were also affected by the events of 9/11 and have similar thoughts, concerns, questions and experiences to share.

You will get a chance to suggest talk topics too! The environment is safe, secure and supportive.

The chat will focus on an issue during each session which will be facilitated by FOS11 Advisory Board member, Dr. Donna Gaffney and administered by FOS11 staff, Janie Wong. This new project is an outgrowth of the success and popularity of the Families of September 11 Chat Program. This online support group for adult family members, survivors, and anyone affected by 9/11 began in 2004.

Note to parents: We are committed to making this a safe online environment for teens. This Teen Chat program requires enrollment, secure sign-in and permission forms will be required.

If you would like more information about the program or to enroll, please don't hesitate to contact **Beth Burns** at the Good Grief Program at **(617) 414-4005** 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.

Story Corps Returning to MA 9/11 Fund

StoryCorps, the national oral history project that instructs and inspires people to preserve one another's stories in sound, invites you to record your story. StoryCorps is conducting a special initiative to honor the life stories of those who were lost on September 11th - and also those who survived and were deeply affected. Perhaps you lost a family member or friend; maybe you were a rescue worker or witnessed the attacks first-hand. Your story is important and we invite you to record it, so your memories will live on for generations to come.

HOW IT HAPPENS: Contact Erica Cabag at the MA 9/11 Fund to reserve an appointment time on either **Monday, October 29th** or **Tuesday, October 30th**. Appointments will be scheduled on a first come, first served basis, and please note, **this event is contingent upon a sufficient number of interviews being scheduled**. It is possible a second location could be added based upon interest. You will be encouraged to bring a family member or friend, or you can come alone and a StoryCorps Facilitator can serve as your interview partner. Each recording occurs as a conversation and takes one hour. You walk away with a high-quality recording to pass on to loved ones. With your permission, a copy will go to the Library of Congress and the WTC Memorial Museum. *For information about the September 11th Initiative and to listen to interviews visit www.storycorps.net/wtc.*

9/11 Commemorations in NY & Other Communities

For information about services in New York on 9/11, please contact Families of September 11th at **212-575-1878** or visit their web site at <http://www.familiesofseptember11.org/calendar.aspx>

If you have information about a 9/11 Commemoration happening in your community, please let us know and we will post the information on our web site

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Important Fund News

Loretta Kowal Scholarship Recipients Selected

We are pleased to announce that this year's Kowal Scholarship recipients have been selected. Details about these fine two students will follow on our web site. More information about the Kowal Scholarship is also on the web at: <http://www.massfund.org/lorettakowalscholarships.html>

MA 9/11 Fund Hosts Families at Red Sox Game

One hundred family members had a terrific time socializing and playing pool at Jillian's during a pre-game reception before an early spring game between the Red Sox and the Orioles. Spirits were high, the season was young and the Sox won!

Garden of Remembrance/Public Garden Memorial Maintenance Agreement Established

The Fund has reached an agreement with the City of Boston for the permanent maintenance of the 9/11 Garden of Remembrance in the Boston Public Garden. The Fund has made an initial payment to this maintenance fund and family members should be assured that this important memorial will continue to be well cared for in perpetuity. The Fund would like to extend a special thanks to Toni Pollack and Bernie Lynch of the City of Boston Parks Department for their dedication to the Garden of Remembrance.



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