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Day of Service Events

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

**2009 Commemoration
Reflection**

The Massachusetts 9/11 Fund, in coordination with the offices of Governor Deval Patrick, Lieutenant Governor Timothy P. Murray and Speaker of the House Robert DeLeo held the 8th Anniversary Commemoration of September 11, 2001. The Commonwealth posthumously awarded the Madeline Amy Sweeney Award for Civilian Bravery to the late Marie J. Conley. Ms. Conley, a school crossing guard, bravely protected a student from an oncoming vehicle. Her family was present to accept the award in her honor. We were also pleased to be able to present a gift of our beloved publication "we remember" to the late Senator Edward M. Kennedy's nephew, Joseph Kennedy III, as a tribute and token of our appreciation for the late Senator's dedication to the MA 9/11 Fund families.

For those who attended, we hope that the day's events honored your loved ones with the utmost care and respect.

If you have any comments regarding Commemoration, please feel free to share your thoughts with us via email at info@massfund.org or via telephone at 617-482-8153. In addition, the Fund is always looking to add new voices to the Commemoration Planning Committee, which begins meeting in February/March.

**Upcoming Family Event
Boston Pops Concert Friday, December 11**

We are pleased to be hosting our fourth winter event with the Boston Pops on Friday, **December 11, 2009** at Boston Symphony Hall. Reduced price tickets are available at a **limit of two** per household for \$50.00 each; if this cost is difficult for your family, please do not hesitate to let us know so we can make the event affordable for you. You can request these tickets either by contacting us at info@massfund.org or 617-482-8151 beginning on **Saturday, October 17 at 10:00 am**. If family members need more than two tickets per household, please let us know at the time you request your tickets. We will do our best to honor each request. **As in years past, we will also offer a private reception for family members before the concert at 6:30 PM. The concert will begin at 8:00 pm. Tickets will be distributed at the reception; we will announce the details of this reception by email in the next month.**

**Days of Service
Spirit of Volunteerism beyond 9/11**

The spirit of volunteerism and service is going beyond September 11. Another Day of Service is scheduled for **Saturday, November 21 from 8:00 am – 2:00 pm**. We are recruiting a group to distribute food baskets at the *11th Annual Salvation Army Thanksgiving Project* at their South End location in Boston (1500 Washington Street). The Salvation Army will 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-ma.org.

If you would like to participate or if you have any questions, please contact Carolyn Brunis at 617-542-5420 x182 or carolyn.brunis@use.salvationarmy.org.

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2009-2010 Kowal Scholarship Deadline

Additional Extension to 12/1/2009

The Fund will still accept applications for the Kowal Scholarship through 12/1/2009. As a reminder, this program has significantly been expanded and is now available for almost all levels of education and to a wider group of family members. Please see the website at <http://www.massfund.org/lorettakowalscholarships.html> for eligibility guidelines and an application.

Board of Directors Updates

Additional Family Member Elected

We are happy to announce the addition of another family member to our Board of Directors. Diann Corcoran joined the board effective Fall 2009. With a healthy balance of family representation, our Board is eager to continue carrying out the mission of the Fund.

Welcome Alyse Mazerolle

New Health Care Support Program Administrator

We welcome Alyse Mazerolle to the Massachusetts 9/11 Fund staff. Alyse will handle the Health Care Support Program on a part-time basis. She joins us with over 25 years of experience in the insurance industry. Many of you may have met her at this year's Commemoration services. Alyse was a crucial member of the team and we could not have done it without her. Alyse is now administrating the Health Care Support Program.

Media Inquiry from BBC sponsored documentary

Project looking to speak with those under 18 at time of attacks

Prospect Pictures LTD, an independent production company in the UK, has been asked by the BBC to speak to young people who were directly affected by September 11, 2001. The documentary will investigate how the tragic event influenced the course of their lives, eight years on. As part of their research, they are looking to speak with anyone who was under the age of 18 at the time and who lost someone close to them, someone who witnessed and survived the attacks or was involved in the rescue operation in some way. They hope that this project will highlight not just the long-term emotional effects of 9/11 and the continuing need for support, but also the ways in which young people have been inspired by both their experiences and by lost loved ones to show enormous courage and go on to achieve great things. If you would like to speak to them, please contact Jess Colmer at jess.colmer@prospect-uk.com or via telephone at 0044 7971 256588. For more information on Prospect Pictures LTD, feel free to visit them online at www.prospect-uk.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. Event announcements are also made on a regular basis on the homepage of our website. Please check regularly for upcoming events.