

Upcoming Events

StoryCorps Mobilebooth

Boston, MA
December 2-8
To schedule an interview,
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Holiday Pops 2007

Friday, December 14
Boston Symphony Hall
Private Reception: 6:00 pm
Concert: 8:00 pm
Boston, MA
RSVP Required

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Holiday Pops 2007

Boston Symphony Hall, Friday, December 14

We are pleased to be hosting our second winter event with the Boston Pops. **The private family reception will be held at Boston Symphony Hall in the *Higginson South* room and it will start at 6:00 PM. The concert will begin at 8:00 pm.**

We still have a small number of tickets available for those who missed our initial reservation deadline. If you would like to request tickets, please send an email to info@massfund.org and we will contact you as soon as possible and try to fulfill your request.

For those who requested three or four tickets, please note that we are able to fulfill that request. Payment is due by Thanksgiving weekend. Tickets are \$45.00 each. Please make checks payable to the MA 9/11 Fund and send them to the Fund offices, Re: Pops. *Tickets will be distributed at the reception; if you do not plan on attending the reception, please let us know and we will mail them out.*

From NY State Archives

Promises to Keep: Preserving the Collections of 9/11

The office of the New York State Archives is pleased to announce a series of free workshops for families, survivors and responders to be held in the New York metropolitan area this coming year.

Since 9/11, representatives from various New York cultural institutions have worked to ensure the survival of critical documentation surrounding the 9/11 tragedy. As a result, organizations and individuals have assembled collections of documents and artifacts like oral histories, letters, diaries, posters, maps, government reports, case files, photographs, memorial quilts and architectural remnants. There are significant challenges in preserving some of these materials, especially those recorded in formats that are short-lived, like voicemail, text messages, and websites.

The State Archives has developed special workshops for families, survivors, responders, and recovery workers. Designed for the non-archivist, the workshops will provide clear and accessible guidelines for preserving family treasures and mementos. Stay tuned as they bring this workshop to New York City venues as a service to the 9/11 Community.

Workshop dates and times are to be announced. To join their mailing list or for more info, please contact Meridith Cherven-Holland, mcherven@mail.nysed.gov or Marie Culver, mculver@mail.nysed.gov at the State Archive office.

Please note – if you are interested in attending one of these workshops with other MA 9/11 Fund families, please contact **Diane Nealon** at the Fund.

Recaps on Recent Fund Events

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In memoriam

Loretta W. Kowal

Commemoration 2007

The Fund would like to extend its thanks to the countless family members, community partners and civic leaders who made this year's commemoration services possible. In particular, we want to acknowledge the committee of family members who met regularly and tirelessly to offer their input into the direction of the services, as well as the dedicated "Community of Care" members who volunteered their time to be a part of this important day.

The Fund circulated an online survey by email to family members, seeking their feedback on this year's commemoration. Family members who do not have access to email are welcome to contact **Diane Nealon** at the Fund with their comments and suggestions for next year's program.

This year's Commemoration services are available for viewing online via our website at <http://www.massfund.org/commemorationevents.html>. Copies of DVDs for the service are also available - please contact the Fund at info@massfund.org or 866-FUND-911 if you would like a copy.

Boston Medical Center Good Grief Program & MA 9/11 Fund Red Sox Game for Kids & Teens, September, 2007

The MA 9/11 Fund was pleased to partner with Boston Medical Center's Good Grief Program to host a great evening out for a group of kids and teens in late September - a reception at Jillian's followed by an exciting game between the Red Sox and the Minnesota Twins. The kids and teens saw the Sox clinch the AL East title, and the rest we now know is history!

StoryCorps Door-2-Door, October 2007

Through their most recent Door-2-Door visit, StoryCorps was able to record 9 interviews with Massachusetts family members and emergency responders. We thank those of you who were able to participate and share your stories.

If you have any questions about your interview, please feel free to contact Erica Cabag at 617-482-8153 or via email at erica.cabag@massfund.org and she will be happy to help.

Looking for another local opportunity? The [StoryCorps MobileBooth](http://www.storycorps.net/mobilebooth) will be in Boston from December 2 - 8. To make reservations please call 646-723-7020, x202. For more information about their mobile recordings, please visit their website at <http://www.storycorps.net/record-your-story/locations>.

Working Committee Forming – Scholarship America

From time to time we are asked by the Family Advisory Committee and others to pull together working groups in order to study issues related to various 9/11 benefits.

Currently, we are seeking family members experienced in dealing with Scholarship America, who are willing to join an informal committee for the purpose of addressing concerns regarding the program's administration. We are hoping this committee will be able to meet at least once and then communicate regularly by email. To join, please contact Diane Nealon at the Fund at 617-482-8156 or via email at diane.nealon@massfund.org.

Discounted 9/11 Book 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 and may not be suitable for all family members.* Copies are available through the Fund for \$55 by contacting **Diane Nealon** at the Fund.

Family News & Notes

Bob Harrington of West Springfield is proud to share news about the birth of his grandson, **Cooper Wiley Harrington**, on September 11, 2007. Cooper was born at 6 lbs. 15 oz. to proud parents Michael and Shannon Harrington. Congratulations to the entire Harrington family and Welcome Cooper!

Family members Cindy McGinty and Lynn Greene are pleased to announce that their sons, **Daniel McGinty** and **Marc Sanchez** were this year's recipients of the Loretta Kowal Scholarship. Join us in wishing both wonderful young men a heartfelt congratulations! (*Information about the Loretta Kowal Scholarship is on our web site at www.massfund.org/lorettakowalscholarships.html*).

If you would like to include a blurb 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.

Have a Happy and Healthy Holiday Season

As we prepare to say goodbye to 2007, the Fund's staff and Board wishes each of you a happy, healthy and peaceful holiday season!

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Important Fund Program Reminders

Financial Assistance Still Available from MA 9/11 Fund

A reminder that if you are still having financial difficulties after 9/11, the MA 9/11 Fund's Financial Grant Program may be a resource for you. In addition to financial assistance, the program offers referrals to professional advisors who can help family members address obstacles to self sufficiency. For more information, please call **Diane Nealon** at the Fund.

MA 9/11 Fund's Health Care Support Program Accepting Enrollees

Due to demand, the MA 9/11 Fund is pleased to announce that enrollees can still be accepted into the remaining eight months of the Fund's Health Care Support Program. This program offers eligible participants reimbursement for either half the cost of monthly health insurance premiums, or, for new enrollees, up to \$1,500 in out of pocket health care costs incurred from enrollment date through June 30th, 2008. A full description of the program (including definitions of eligibility) is available on our web page at www.massfund.org/healthcaresupportprogram.html. The Fund is considering an extension of this program – please stay tuned for more details. To inquire about eligibility or a late enrollment, please contact **Diane Nealon** at the Fund.



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