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Once again, as the daffodil shoots appear and the buds swell on the trees, it is time for our annual newsletter. When one reflects on the past year, the searing images of September 11, burned in all our memories, threaten to crowd out other more hopeful reminiscences. Many friends and relatives were close witness to the tragedies in New York and Washington, DC. A nephew felt the vibration of the plane over his car seconds before he watched it slam into the Pentagon. A neighbor's son was late for work at the World Trade Center that day and our friend Susie stood outside the World Finance Center as the second plane hit the tower. Closer to home, a five year old friend of our grandson Andrew lost his father on Flight 11 and Mark's daycare friend lost her mother on the same flight.

We grieve for each life so violently cut short that day. As everyone, we were shaken by the horror and saddened by the pain that will be felt by all the families and friends of the victims for the rest of their lives. For us, September 11 was also a renewal of the pain and shock we felt at the time of Anne's death in 1990. It seemed as if Anne's spirit grieved with us for all those whose lives were stolen so abruptly and painfully.

September 11 was also a day when the entire country became aware of the break in the continuity of life that a single tragic violent act causes. For us there will always be the story of our lives until Anne's death and the new life we have learned to live since her death. Now all of us share this harsh understanding. As did Anne's death, September 11 raises our awareness of the fragility of human life and strengthens our resolve to support programs that work to build healthy community through **The Anne E. Borghesani Community Foundation.**

This year has been one of continued growth and learning for the Board. We are assessing the programs we support and searching for others where the foundation can make a difference. Additionally, we are currently developing an Advisory Board to help us with development of our vision, growth of the Foundation, and ideas for community building fundraisers. We hope you will enjoy this report of our present activities.

As always we are grateful for your continued support, faith in our mission, and hope that we can build healthy communities and prevent violence *In Anne's Spirit.*

Sincerely,

Betty and Roger Borghesani

"In Anne's Spirit"

A non-profit, voluntary organization dedicated to reducing the incidence and effects of violence by promoting development of healthy children and families and to providing scholarships that encourage personal growth through community involvement.

The Anne E. Borghesani Community Foundation continues to work on fulfilling its mission.

Anne E. Borghesani Memorial Prize at Tufts University



Karina Weinstein with some of her friends in a shantytown in Santiago, Chile where she lived and did research for two months.

We continue to be actively committed to the Anne E. Borghesani Memorial Prize at Tufts and *In Anne's Spirit* will contribute \$2000 to the Tufts Prize Fund in 2002. Recipients of this incentive award submit a proposal for study in international issues. Projects encourage the promotion of personal growth, knowledge, and independence while increasing the recipient's understanding of diverse cultures and encouraging commitment to the world community. A presentation of the project is made at a Borghesani Colloquium each fall at Tufts University.

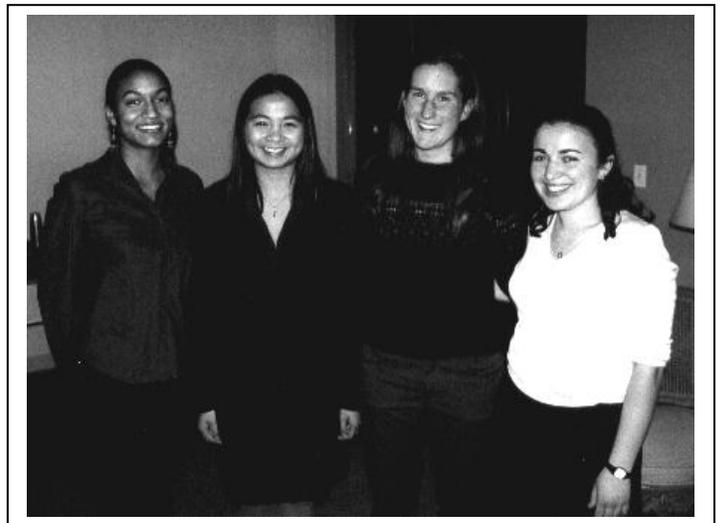
The Prize is housed in the Tufts Program in International Relations under the leadership of Dr. Christiane Romero and Dr. John Jenke. The selection committee consists of IR faculty members, Roger, Betty and Philip Borghesani, Bob Merlino, Tufts 1964, and Lynn Lustig, Tufts 1989.

In April 2002 four prizewinners were awarded a total of \$7900. International Relations major **Radhika Thakkar** will volunteer in Venezuela with the Turimiquire Foundation whose focus is on promoting rural literacy, family planning services, and sustainable livelihood. **Philip Lotze** will use results of field work done in Argentina this summer to develop a senior

honors thesis on "The Meaning of Soccer in a National Crisis." Also doing research for her senior honor's thesis, "A Progressive Islamic Society: Lessons of the Fatimids", is **Sadaf Gulamali** who will do study at the Institute of Ismaili Studies in London. **Swati D. Mehta** will intern at the Annapurna Mahila Mandal, a leading microcredit organization that promotes economic development for women in India.

These students, as previous recipients, exemplify Anne's qualities of intellectual and personal challenge, adventure, and commitment to friends, Tufts and global communities. Many of them remain in contact with us as they continue to pursue these goals.

Anna Sommer is spending this semester in Costa Rica where she is studying Sustainable Development in the Humid Tropics through the University of Missouri program and volunteering as an English tutor in the nearby town. **Marie Angelique Cabiya** (1998) who did an internship with a Spanish AIDS organization in Madrid, is now in her second year of medical school in Puerto Rico. **Mike Wang** (1997) completed two years with Teach for America in Baton Rouge and is now working as acting policy advisor for education for the Governor of Louisiana. **Kate Bloom** (1999) is using the Spanish she perfected while volunteering in Ecuador in her work as a medical assistant at a health clinic in Colorado which serves the poor and uninsured. She writes: "I continue to try to live in the moment, grasping at the amazing gifts that pass by on a regular basis."



Presenters at the Borghesani Colloquium at Tufts, fall, 2001: Nuala Cabral, Rita Mercado, Jocelyn Robinson, and Karina Weinstein.

Lexington High School Memorial Prize News

The Anne E. Borghesani Memorial Prize at Lexington High (AEBMP) was created by Anne’s friends in 1990 to honor Anne by awarding a yearly prize to a graduating female exemplifying Anne’s qualities of school and community spirit. These recipients have continued to demonstrate their commitment to service during college and in their careers.

Stephanie Miles was the eleventh recipient of the scholarship in June 2001. While at Lexington High School (LHS), she participated in many school and community activities and was a Peer Mediator and founder and president of the Oxfam Chapter at Lexington High. A peer recommendation on her application states: “Stephanie has the ability to make others feel good about themselves...connections with people are an extremely important part of who she is.” She is now a freshman at Boston College, where she does volunteer work in the community through the Emerging Leaders Program and plans to major in International Studies.

The LHS Committee continually works to grow the fund and will award \$2000 this spring to a deserving senior girl. Comprised of Anne’s fellow classmates, the LHS Committee has been an active organization during the past 12 years and exists as a separate entity from the *In Anne’s Spirit* Community Foundation. They maintain connections with past recipients of the LHS Prize and encourage the continued development of the AEB Memorial Prize community.

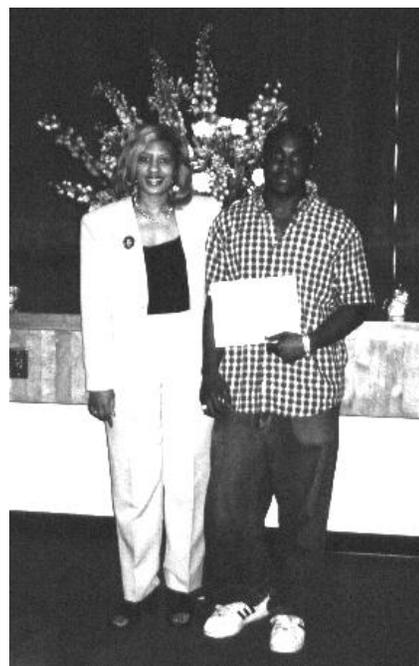
In recognition of the significant work done by members of the LHS Committee *In Anne’s Spirit* will give \$2000 to the scholarship fund in 2002 in addition to commitment to provide an annual grant to the LHS Committee which will extend the recipients’ award throughout their four years of college. After review by the Committee, each recipient will be awarded \$500 yearly, for a total of \$1500 per student beyond the \$2000 granted upon high school graduation by the LHS fund.

develop community, we look for programs where we can make a difference when reviewing grant applications.

Sojourner House

In Anne’s Spirit will continue to support Sojourner House, a shelter for families founded by our deceased friend, Father John Crowley. Soon after Father John transferred from St. Brigid’s Church in Lexington to Roxbury, he became aware of the severe need for emergency shelters for homeless families that would also accept teenagers and fathers. He opened the rectory of St. Joseph’s to some of these families and Sojourner House was born.

Since 1981 Sojourner House has acquired independent facilities providing housing for nine families at a time and has sheltered over 400 families. Families stay from three to six months at the shelter. During this time, parents are given assistance in finding job-training programs or employment and daycare and appropriate school placements for their children.



Ruby Brown presents the Monique Brown Scholarship to Edecar Johnson, graduate of Boston English High School, June 2001.

AEB Foundation Grants

We recognize that violence is a result of many factors that lead to breakdowns in community. With a goal of helping to

In Anne’s Spirit has again made a \$2500 grant to Sojourner House. Recognizing the importance of education in prevention of violence, Sojourner House will direct \$2000 to high school study aids and computer programs which will assist adolescents at the

shelter in school and college preparation courses. Support might also include a grant to enroll in an SAT preparation course, in exchange for which the teen would provide educational assistance to a younger child at the shelter.

Again this year \$500 will be directed to match funds raised by her mother for the Monique Brown Memorial Scholarship given to a male graduate of Boston English High School.

Ruby Brown is the Family Life Advocate at Sojourner House. In presenting the award, Ruby Brown recognized *In Anne's Spirit* as being a joint supporter of the award. Ms. Brown voiced her hope that the scholarship would "assist a promising young man of English High School to achieve his dreams through greater opportunities and the support of the community."

Victim's Rights Law Center

Board member Jack Carr first learned of the Victim's Rights Law Center (VRLC) through an acquaintance whose daughter, a freshman at a Boston area university, had been given GHB, an illegal drug, by her date and then raped. VRLC is a legal advocacy program initiated by the Boston Area Rape Crisis Center under the committed direction of Susan Vickers, JD. Founded in July 2000, its mission is to "advocate for the interests of sexual assault survivors within the civil, criminal and academic justice systems, and to build community partnerships that meet the complex socioeconomic needs of survivors, including adolescents, low-incomes women and women of color."



Susan Vickers, VRLC Director, Fatima Mahmud, Anne E. Borghesani Fellowship recipient in 2001, and AEB Board Member Kristin O'Sullivan.

Recognizing the unique needs of young women victims of sexual assault for services, *In Anne's Spirit* supported a summer fellowship for a BU pre-law student to work at VRLC last summer. Fatima Mahmud, a volunteer at the Boston Area Rape Crisis Center for two years, collaborated with the Boston Police and School Departments on the development of a sexual violence prevention curriculum to be used with middle school students. With the able mentoring of Ms. Vickers, she also completed a script directed to college-age women to inform them of their rights and options in the event of assault titled Coping with Sexual Assault: your medical, legal, and counseling options. VRLC has now partnered with Emerson College who will donate talent, equipment, and time to produce an interactive video to be used on the web.

In Anne's Spirit looks forward to continuing partnership with the Victim's Rights Law Center.

Strong Women, Strong Girls

While a high school senior, Lindsay Hyde, recognized among her own peers a hesitancy to take leadership roles. With a grant from the Women's Fund of Miami-Dade County she piloted a program in a Miami elementary school that year and brought the program to Boston when she enrolled at Harvard University.

Strong Women, Strong Girls uses mentoring to introduce girls to historic and contemporary female role models through reading and interviewing of "successful women" in the girls' lives. It encourages development of positive self-esteem by working on critical thinking and analytical skills, journal writing, and public speaking.

This year, under the auspices of the Phillips Brooks House at Harvard, Lindsay, now a sophomore, and ten other women students have volunteered to present the program to 145 low-income, minority girls in Boston after school programs. Lindsay plans to extend the program to serve more girls next year and will also participate in a City of Boston summer school program. The mentors all volunteer their time, but expenses must be raised by the student. Phillips Brooks House provides no funding for the program. The Foundation has made a \$2000 grant to help expand the Strong Women, Strong Girls program

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Introducing the Advisory Board

Roger and Betty first met **Chris Anderson** and his wife Cathy when we worked together on a program for engaged couples at St. Brigid's church. Chris is president of Massachusetts High Tech Council, a non-profit organization.

Grace and **Ray Ciccolo** have been close friends since our families were very young. Many of you know Ray as the successful leader of Boston Volvo Village and supporter of many community building initiatives.

Roger and **Jack Grant** can be found any Saturday morning from May through November hitting a small white ball around Pine Meadows Golf Course. When he is not on the greens, Jack is a Financial Consultant.

Jay Kaufman has served the Lexington area as State Representative since. He has been our friend and neighbor for many years.

Rosemary and **Bob Putnam** are close friends and supporters of the AEB Foundation. Bob is the Peter and Isabel Malkin Professor of Public Policy at Harvard University and author of *Bowling Alone*.

Board member Mike Dundorf introduced **Tracy West** to *In Anne's Spirit*. Tracy is a Partner in Pro Links Sports and the Tournament Director for the annual Boston SENIOR PGA TOUR event, the FleetBoston Classic.

Related Work with Other Victims

Roger and Betty have continued to be involved in outreach to other survivors of homicide victims and forums, which increase public awareness of the consequences of violence. With a group of fellow survivors, they have formed the **Alpha Resource Center**, a nonprofit dedicated to helping families and friends of victims as they deal with the aftermath of violent death, the ensuing grief, and learn to live again. We have spoken at public conferences and training programs for providers of services, joined with other survivors at vigils memorializing victims.

Last spring Betty joined the board of the **Garden of Peace**, a memorial to homicide victims. The Garden

will be constructed on the Plaza behind the Saltonstall building near Government Center and is sponsored by a statewide coalition of violence prevention, victim service groups, and state and city government.



Ruby Brown and Betty Borghesani at the Mother's Day Walk for Peace in Dorchester sponsored by the Louis D. Brown Peace Institute.

The focus of the garden, designed by Catherine Melina of Melina/Hyland Associates, will be a dry riverbed lined with stones inscribed with the names of Massachusetts homicide victims. The riverbed will lead to "Ibis Ascending", a sculpture expressing hope designed by Judy McKie, whose son was murdered in Cambridge in 1990. The Garden will also be a public space that can be used for quiet reflection or as a gathering spot for educational programs or vigils.

Why is such a memorial is needed? Until September 11 and Columbine, violence was often considered something that happened to others. Recent events show how violence affects everyone. Even those who do not personally know a victim, lose what she might have contributed to society. No victim of homicide deserves to have her life cut short by the deliberate act of another. Each victim deserves to be remembered. And the number of people murdered needs to be recognized. We lost several thousand Americans on September 11, but every year approximately 20,000 Americans are murdered.

The first step in working to prevent violence is to raise awareness of the magnitude of the senseless loss of life and the resulting cost to all of society. Like the Holocaust Memorial, the **Garden of Peace** will make us all aware of our loss and motivate us to action to stop violence.

Tax deductible contributions can be made to:

Garden of Peace
P.O.Box 8382
Boston, MA 02114



Anne E. Borghesani
March 27, 1967 – March 31, 1990

In Anne's Spirit

In Anne's Spirit, The Anne E. Borghesani Community Foundation, was created by the friends and family of Anne Borghesani. A graduate of Lexington High and Tufts University, Anne was brutally murdered by a stranger as she walked from her apartment to the Metro in Arlington, Virginia in March, 1990. She was planning to meet friends to celebrate her 23rd birthday.

People and community were important to Anne. She was a family person, a loyal friend, a great communicator and brought people together from different religions and cultures. During college she traveled in Europe, including Soviet Russia and a divided Berlin. Idealistic and hopeful, she was working as a legal assistant in Washington, DC at the time of her death. She hoped to attend law school and talked of being a public defender.

Anne's life was just beginning; Anne will never fulfill her dreams. However, with your support, we can bring hope to others and continue the important work of building healthy communities and preventing violence *In Anne's Spirit*.

Foundation Philosophy

Our goal is to closely partner with and support a few selected organizations whose efforts reduce violence and to provide seed money, which can truly make a difference to the person or program. There are no administrative costs other than for printing of newsletters and stamps for mailing. Your contribution to **The Anne E. Borghesani Community Foundation** will directly benefit the community and will not be diminished by overhead or solicitation fees.

In Anne's Spirit

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Please inform me/us of the date of the Tufts **Prize Colloquium**.

I/we would like to help with an ***In Anne's Spirit Fund Raising Event in 2003***.

I/we would like information on how to order a stone for a victim in the **Garden of Peace**.

All contributions to the Anne E. Borghesani Community Foundation are tax deductible. The Foundation is recognized as a 501(c) 3 charity and is eligible to receive a matching corporate gift.