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Dear Friends,

Sixteen years have passed since Anne's life was cut short. During this time the crab apple tree at her grave has grown from a slight six feet to a large tree providing shade to the area. This growth is mirrored in the growth of the scholarships in her name at Tufts University and Lexington High School and the number of students who benefit. This spring the Anne E. Borghesani Community Foundation awarded grants for the sixth year to programs working to build a healthy community and prevent violence. Anne, your presence we shall always miss, but you continue to be a part of our lives and influence others through the work done ***In Anne's Spirit***.

In this newsletter is information about the students who have grown through their experiences as recipients of Anne's scholarships. In the words of one Tufts student, Sarah Newton: "I want to do good things in this world, and I firmly believe knowledge is the most powerful force we have access to. Standing back and watching is no way to live or learn." These students, aware of Anne's commitment to her community, continue their involvement throughout their lives.

We have also watched Foundation supported programs grow and develop during these six years. Victim Rights Law Center has evolved from a spin-off of the Boston Area Rape Crisis Center into an independent non-profit employing 5 lawyers and providing fee legal service to sexual assault victims, legal training, and community partnerships. The after school program Strong Women Strong Girls, begun when Lindsay Hyde was a student at Harvard University, has expanded under her direction to form chapters at Simmons, Northeastern, Carnegie Mellon, University of Pittsburgh, and Duquesne University. Sojourner House has expanded its financial mentoring services and summer programs and aid to its children. The golfers among us might enjoy participating in their Golf Tournament in September.

Unfortunately, Boston's homicide rate has risen again this year to match that of the early 90's. Not wanting to stand back and watch, Board Member Helen Carr sought out summer programs for youth and found the Franklin Summer Program in Dorchester run by Harvard College undergraduates, a new addition to Foundation supported programs. Betty continues to work with The Garden of Peace, a memorial to victims of homicide, that stands as a testament to the effects of violence and motivates society to work on prevention of violence.



Grandson Mark under tree

Board members are actively involved in selection of grant recipients. Our Board meets three times a year and communicates frequently by email. If you are interested in serving either as a Board Member or on our Advisory Board, we invite you to contact us.

We would like to close by thanking all of you who have supported the Foundation. Vera Belitsky, another Tufts student wrote about her grant: "Thank you for helping me to work with passion and to contribute to changing people's lives. Thank you for changing my life, as I sense that this internship is a changing point, a gateway – I am yet to find out to what." We on the Board thank you for helping us to 'contribute to changing people's lives.'

With sincere hope for peace,

Roger and Betty 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 enters its sixth year awarding grants to fulfill its mission

We provide seed money to assist in the development of innovative programs committed to community building, social justice, and violence prevention. In doing this, we look for programs where we can make a difference when reviewing grant applications. Members of the Board maintain active connections with grant recipients to help in assessing the value of our contributions. The only expenses incurred for the Foundation are for printing and mailing of our newsletter, about \$1500 per year. Your contribution is directly utilized by our grant recipients.

2006 AEB FOUNDATION GRANTS

Strong Women, Strong Girls

SWSG engages undergraduate college women mentors with third through fifth grade girls to empower one another while studying contemporary and historical female role models and working on skill building activities, all strengthening self esteem. Developed by executive director Lindsay Hyde while a student at Harvard University, SWSG expanded to include chapters at Northeastern and Simmons College after her graduation. Last year SWSG went national with a program at Carnegie Mellon University in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania. In addition to weekly meetings, thirty-five elementary students took part in Carnegie Mellon campus events including making T-shirts, creating book projects with author Elizabeth Fitzgerald Howard and watching women engineers race self-designed cars and robots. *In Anne's Spirit's* 2005 grant of \$5000 supported the Carnegie Mellon pilot.

In establishing the Carnegie Mellon pilot, SWSG collaborated with the Office of the Dean of Student Affairs and developed strong relationships with supervising staff at the university and at the partner sites, Woolsair Elementary School and Hill House. This has been essential to providing immediate mentor support, making timely site visits and insuring smooth programming while SWSG staff work from Boston. In evaluating the needs and targeting geographic location for girl's programming in the new region, SWSG has been building relationships with other 'girl-serving' agencies in the Pittsburgh community. Working to understand what local resources and services were available to women and girls, SWSG initiated a "Making the Connection for Women and Girls" breakfast, securing the co-sponsorship of the Office of the Dean of Student Affairs at Carnegie Mellon and the Women and Girls Foundation of Southwest Pennsylvania.

"Carnegie Mellon is less than 15 minutes from our site, yet it is miles away in culture. The young girls are impoverished



SWSG mentor and participant from Hill House work together

and often hungry. They are behind in education, not racially diverse, and often live with single parents. They do not have the same opportunities that we, as mentors, collectively had available to us, growing up, yet they are dreaming of the same goals, which is inspiring." – quote from mentor

Strong Women Strong Girls plans to expand service to elementary school girls and incorporate volunteers from Duquesne University and the University of Pittsburgh. *In Anne's Spirit* 2006 grant of \$5,000 helps support the launch of the Duquesne SWSG chapter. Duquesne, Carnegie Mellon, and U Penn mentors will participate in leadership training involving peer management, conflict resolution and volunteer motivation. SWSG evaluation tools include girls and parents feedback for knowledge gained and self-esteem development.

The annual Strong Women, Strong Girls Conference brought student leaders, mentors and alumni together in Boston for "a day of learning, growth and connection" on April 8, 2006. Participants attended workshops on negotiating skills, economic self-sufficiency, intimate partner violence, critical media viewers and others. Betty Borghesani and Helen Carr enjoyed meeting the Pittsburgh Student Directors.

For more information see www.swsg.org

Victim Rights Law Center

The mission of VRLC, founded in 2000 by Susan Vickers, JD, 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-income women and women of color." *In Anne's Spirit* has supported VRLC since 2001 as it worked to develop "best practice" methods for protecting educational interests and providing outreach and civil legal service specific to the needs of young sexual assault survivors. An exciting product of this work is a legal manual that describes the impact of adolescent sexual assault and the legal needs of victims.

Ms. Vickers states that: "This support has been invaluable at a time when no other funding source was available to provide for this extremely at risk population. The need for such representation is absolutely critical because adolescents are

more likely to experience sexually violent crimes than any other age group. In fact, adolescent females age 16-19 are four times more likely than the general population to report sexual assault, rape and attempted rape."



An MVP training specialist speaking with two students
(from the newsletter of the Center for the Study of Sport in Society at Northeastern University)

This year *In Anne's Spirit* will award \$7500 to fund a unique collaboration of VRLC with Boston Area Rape Crisis Center (BARCC) and the Mentors in Violence Prevention Program (MVP) at Northeastern University to improve services to adolescent victims of sexual assault. VRLC will provide four in-services to MVP trainers who work in selected Boston schools and BARCC's project staff about: the impacts of rape on adolescent girls' educational progress; the legal remedies available to adolescent victims; and the duty of schools to respond to sexual assault consequences in the schools. BARCC will provide: training to MVP staff on responding to disclosures by survivors; piloting an education and counseling group; and developing a peer leadership intervention program at a Roxbury high school.

For more information see www.victimrights.org.

Sojourner House

Sojourner House Shelter provides temporary housing for nine families and has sheltered over 400 families since its beginning in 1981. Parents are given assistance in job-training programs or employment, daycare and appropriate school placements for their children. Isolation and lack of community support after leaving shelter contribute to the difficulty of many families to attain financial independence and stability and to break the cycle of poverty contributing to the incidence of violence. In an effort to help families attain financial stability, Sojourner House has implemented a one-on-one financial mentoring program to the families. Sojourner House Director Anastasia Lopopolo sent us this photo and success story of a young family helped by our grant last year.

When Yahara, the mother of two girls, came to Sojourner House, she had fallen behind in her tuition payments for her medical assistance training. After 7 months of hard work and conscientious studies, she was about to be terminated from the program. With financial support from Sojourner House she was able to pay her back tuition and costs and graduated this

June. She has been accepted for an internship as a medical assistant at the Boston Medical Center.

Shakyr, Yahara, and Natasha outside Sojourner House

Sojourner House also has a complete Children's Program run by a Jesuit volunteer and BC students. Services to these vulnerable children include assistance with educational testing and placements, recreational trips, summer camp placements, and counseling and medical appointments. According to Ms. Lopopolo, "What really counts in the program is that the children build strong relationships with the advocate and volunteers who help each one of the children grow and develop in a safe, loving environment."

In Anne's Spirit will make a \$3000 grant to be used by Sojourner House to support the financial mentoring and children's programs.



Please Support Sojourner House's 5th Annual Golf Tournament

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Franklin Summer Program in Dorchester

The Franklin Field/Franklin Hill Summer Day Program in Dorchester is one of 78 summer camps serving the Boston and Cambridge areas under the auspices of the Phillips Brooks House (PBHA) at Harvard University. Although

administrative, development, and office space support are provided by PBHA, the Harvard student directors, Frank Assaf and Laura Powers, must raise funds through grants to cover expenses for their programs. Additionally these student leaders are responsible for planning the summer activities, collaborating with parents and community representatives, and training of the high school age junior counselors. This healthy summer camp experience, serving 75 'at-risk' youth, "promotes academic achievement and encourages confidence in both self and community, through creative learning and service projects." It also strives to bring together the communities of Franklin Field and Franklin Hill which have a history of conflict and violence.



Franklin Field/Franklin Hill Summer Campers see another view of Boston while on a field trip, summer 2005

Recognizing the need to provide low-cost, quality summer programs to the youth of the city, *In Anne's Spirit* has awarded a grant of \$3000 to support the hiring of High-School Age Counselors for the 2006 Franklin Summer Program. These junior counselors, members of the Franklin community, benefit from the experience by being mentored by Harvard and other area college students and by learning valuable job skills as they serve as positive role models for their campers and give back to their community. The value of the program is shown by the campers who go on to further leadership roles as junior counselor and, in a few cases, camp director.

For more information see: www.pbha.org.

Anne E. Borghesani Memorial Prize at Tufts University News

This incentive award, housed in the Tufts Program in International Relations under the direction of Professor Malik Mufti, enables undergraduate students to engage in a volunteer project or plan of study in any field involving international issues. Often these experiences lead to development of a Senior Honors Thesis. Projects encourage the promotion of personal growth, knowledge, and independence, increase understanding of diverse cultures and foster commitment to community. The selection committee is comprised of IR Program faculty, Roger, Betty, and Philip Borghesani, Evelyn Henry, J63, and Lyn Lustig, J89. *In Anne's Spirit* contributed \$1000 to the Anne E. Borghesani Memorial Prize at Tufts fund in 2006.

Five grants totaling more than \$10,000 were presented by Lyn Lustig at the annual Academic Awards Ceremony in April 2006. Community Health and Anthropology major **Vera Belitsky** will volunteer with World Health Organization in Moscow documenting the incidence and effects of



Betty and Roger Borghesani with Unaza Khan, Anna Gollub and Vera Belitsky, 2006 Tufts Prize Recipients

tuberculosis on the population. **Unaza Khan**, who is interested in the long-term effects on developing nations of non-governmental organizations, will volunteer building homes for Habitat for Humanity in Kyrgystan. **Edita Zlatic**, a Bosnian refugee, will attend the Arabic Language Institute in Fez, Morocco this summer. Also reflecting the interest in Islamic religion and culture, **Anna Gollub** will conduct a case study on Islamic Feminism in Western Europe while attending university in Barcelona. **Sarah Newton** will undertake a survey of civil society in Almaty, Kazakhstan this summer as a foundation for her study of the prospects for democracy in the former Soviet country.

Tufts Prize recipients share their experiences with the broader Tufts campus at a yearly Borghesani Symposium. **Doug Glandon**, IR and Community Health major, reported on his investigation of the health effects of western business expansion on Senegalese communities while studying spring semester of his junior year in Dakar. As part of his research he volunteered at a public clinic in the village of Ouakam. English and Drama major **Haenee Jamie Chang** spoke of her research on *Nol Yi Theatre* at the Korean Academy of the Arts in Seoul. A highlight of her work was her translation into English and staged reading by Tufts Drama students of an example of this genre: "*Drying Chili Peppers* by Sun Uk-hyon.

Jamie Chang, Natawnee Fritz, and Doug Glandon at the Symposium



Natawnee Fritz, pictured with Victoria, spoke of her month working with AIDS orphans at a small village outside of Kampala, Uganda through the Global Volunteer Network. While there, in addition to helping in construction of a school and a home for a grandmother and her two children, she



walked and mapped a seven-square mile area identifying trails, landmarks, and people's homes.. During her walks Natawnee "met many people, learned of their stories and of their hopes and desperations." Natawnee graduated from Tufts this May with a degree in IR and

Comparative Religions. She leaves soon for Cape Verde where she will spend two years with the Peace Corps.

Many of the Borghesani Prize scholars remain in touch with us after graduation. **Mehta Swati** continues her interest in child slavery and human rights which she first explored as a Borghesani scholar in 2000. She wrote in 2005: *It's amazing what a great start your encouragement gave me in regards to international human rights work. I am finally working on children's rights in South Asia with Human Rights Watch, researching access to education in Pakistan.* That summer she interned at a legal aid NGO in Jakarta, Indonesia working on civil and political rights as well as aid to Tsunami victims.

Lexington High School Anne E. Borghesani Memorial Prize News

The Anne E. Borghesani Memorial Prize at Lexington High, created by Anne's friends in 1990 honors Anne by awarding a yearly prize to a graduating female exemplifying Anne's qualities of school and community spirit. The selection committee's hope is to reward and publicly recognize a student who has shown Anne's quiet dedication to her community, friends, and family. The recipients of this scholarship are strongly committed to community service during college and in their careers. This year's recipient, Libby Mislán, will attend Occidental College in California. Anne's fellow classmate, Stephen Volante, remarked on presenting the award to Libby at a ceremony at the high school in June that:

"Libby is an accomplished student with a sharp and curious intellect who strives to achieve not for recognition, but for her own mental, physical, and spiritual well-being and to support those around her. Her community service includes volunteering in the Special Needs Program at LHS, teaching religious education, and working at the Writer's Express summer and after-school programs in Somerville where she coaches younger students in developing their writing skills. Sixteen years ago a grieving, bewildered group of her friends came together... with the goal of recognizing and honoring what endeared Anne to us as we grew up in this town. We are well satisfied that in selecting Libby Mislán we have fulfilled our purpose."

Comprised of Anne's classmates and co-chaired by Jerry Michelson and Kristin O'Sullivan, the LHS Committee has been an active organization and separate entity from the Foundation for 16 years. The fund principal is managed by the Town of Lexington and the scholarship is a \$2000 award

to the graduate chosen by Anne's peers. The committee maintains connections with past recipients, encourages the continued development of the LHS Prize Community, and works to increase the value of the fund.

To continue our support to the LHS Prize, *In Anne's Spirit* will give \$2000 to the scholarship fund in 2006. We also provide an annual grant of \$1500 to the LHS Committee



LHS Prize committee members Margaret Counts Klebe, Julia Potter, Stephen Volante, and Jerry Michelson with Libby Mislán (center) at recent awards presentation.

which enables them to extend the recipients' awards through their college years. Each student is awarded \$500 yearly for three years, pursuant to a brief committee review, for a total of \$1500 additional per student beyond the initial scholarship granted by the LHS fund. This year the following students received \$500 grants from *In Anne's Spirit* to apply towards their college expenses: Dena Bruss, who studied political science at George Washington University, Hiva Shafa, who is completing her junior year at Boston University, and Audrey Gibbons who is studying at Georgetown.

The Garden of Peace A Memorial to Victims of Homicide

The Garden of Peace was dedicated at a moving ceremony attended by 1200 in September, 2004. Names of nearly 500 victims are already inscribed on the stones in the memorial. Please stop and visit The Garden on the plaza between the 100 Cambridge Street building and the McCormack state office building near Government Center in Boston.

For information about how to help the Garden of Peace or how to include a victim's name in the Garden, visit the website at www.gardenofpeacememorial.org

But our work is not complete. Suffolk University plans to build a 31-story tower housing 780 students contiguous to the Garden, blocking sun and light and threatening the peace and beauty of the Garden. For information on Suffolk University's plans, please see the Boston Redevelopment Authority website at: <http://www.ci.boston.ma.us/bra/> and look under the Beacon Hill neighborhood.



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

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.

Anne's life was just beginning; Anne will never fulfill her dreams. However, Anne's spirit lives on in the goals of this foundation, funded by the generous donations of so many friends. As always, we are grateful for your continued financial support, faith in our mission, and hope that we can help to build healthy community and prevent violence *In Anne's Spirit*.

Board News

We extend our sincere thank you to two valued members, **Margaret Counts Klebe** and **Michael Dundorf**, who were original Board members. Margaret needs time to manage two energetic boys and increasing responsibilities with the Lexington League of Women Voters. Mike and his late wife Caryl provided valuable insight and encouragement in establishing *In Anne's Spirit*. He recently moved to Lowell and continues to volunteer in the Lowell school system.

We welcome four new people to the Board. **John McSorley, T64**, a retired institutional bond salesman for Paine Webber, now fills his days with family, friends, and home projects. **Betsy Linderman, T89**, a close friend and Tufts classmate of Anne's, works as Financial Advisor and Financial Planning Specialist at Citigroup Smith Barney in Hartford, CT. **Bob Merlino, T63**, co-founder of an environmental consulting firm, HMM Associates, Inc., was instrumental in initiating Anne's Prize at Tufts. Since retirement he continues his interests serving on the conservation board in his town. **Eileen Merlino**, a retired high school math teacher and Department Chair, also participates actively in community affairs.

In Anne's Spirit

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