



## Anne E. Borghesani Community Foundation, Inc

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Dear Friends,

This spring marks the beginning of our fifteenth year since Anne's violent death and the fifth year since the creation of The Anne E. Borghesani Community Foundation, *"In Anne's Spirit"*. Our search to find new meaning in life and to make a difference in this world continues. There is truth in the cliché that 'time heals', but time also brings inevitable change to us all.

This year has brought a special loss to those of us working on the foundation. We grieve for our friend and fellow board member, Caryl Dundorf, who lost her personal struggle with cancer last June. She remains sorely missed on the board and in our lives.

Inside the newsletter is information on the accomplishments of our past grant recipients: Strong Women, Strong Girls, Victims Rights Law Center and Sojourner House, as well as information about a new program the Melrose Alliance Against Violence. The Anne E. Borghesani Memorial Prize at Tufts University was again able to award prizes to four students and we continue our support to the Anne E. Borghesani Memorial Prize at Lexington High School.

A goal for this year is the development of our web page. This is essential to keep you, our supporters, informed of what we are doing and to make ourselves known to quality programs searching for grants. Phil's wife Linda, mother of our three wonderful grandsons, has been instrumental in its design and implementation. Our address will be: [www.inannesspirit.org](http://www.inannesspirit.org), and will be live in July.

To honor Anne's life and legacy on the 15<sup>th</sup> anniversary of her death, we are planning an evening of music and community featuring folk singer **Livingston Taylor** at The National Heritage Museum in Lexington on March 26, 2005. There will be a special opportunity to meet Mr. Taylor as well as our grant recipients and Tufts and Lexington High School scholars at a pre-concert reception and silent auction. If you would like to donate an item, use of vacation home, or service for the auction we would be most appreciative. We hope you will plan to join us in friendship as we continue to build community *"In Anne's Spirit"*.

*"In Anne's Spirit"* is funded by the generous donations of Anne's family and friends. We recognize that you were all touched by Anne's tragedy and support the foundation as a means of remembering Anne and working to build healthy community. In the newsletter is a discussion of the development of *"Anne's Giving Circle"* as a way for you to personally connect with grant recipients while continuing your committed support.

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*.

With sincere hope for peace,

*Betty and Roger Borghesani*

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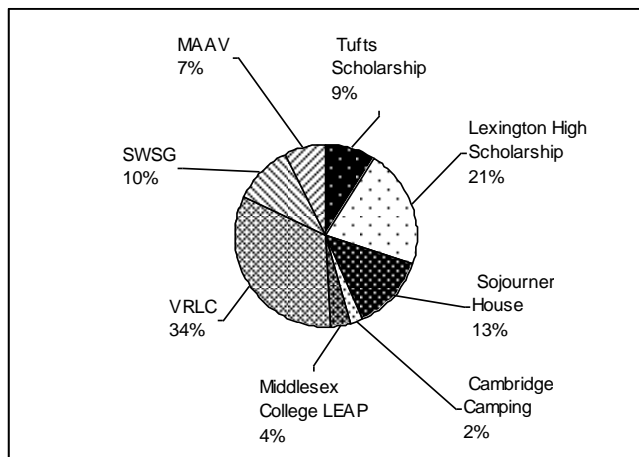
#### *"In Anne's Spirit"*

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 fifth year working to fulfill its mission.**

Violence is a result of many factors that lead to breakdowns in community. Our goal is to closely partner with a few selected organizations whose efforts reduce violence. 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. The chart below shows the per cent distribution since the inception of *"In Anne's Spirit"*.



**Chart illustrating distribution of Foundation Grants from May, 2001 through May, 2004**

## 2004 AEB FOUNDATION GRANTS

### 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." Young women need to be free from sexual assault/sexual harassment in

educational settings. VRLC staff now includes five experienced attorneys. In April they co-sponsored a day long seminar with Suffolk University Law School entitled "Beyond Prosecution: Sexual Assault Victim's Rights in Theory and Practice."

Last year Kathryn Reardon continued development of "best practice" for protecting educational interests of college age sexual assault victims. Recognizing the need for services for teen girls, *In Anne's Spirit* continues its partnership with VRLC by awarding an \$8000 grant this year to support a Fellow for the Girls HOPE (Girls High School Outreach Project for Educational Rights) to provide outreach and civil legal service to students. This will support Martina Green to work 2 days a week for a year with female students as intake coordinator, translator, and paralegal worker at Dorchester High School.

### **Boston Sexual Assault Facts**

- 37% of sexual assault reports to Boston Police involve victims aged 12-18
- One in ten of 19,000 Boston high school students report being victims of sexual assault
- Approximately 50% assaults involve a classmate
- Many of these minority students lack resources at school and access to legal representation

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

For more information see [www.victimrights.org](http://www.victimrights.org).

### Strong Women, Strong Girls

Strong Women, Strong Girls, an after school program founded by Harvard University student Lindsay Hyde, uses mentoring to introduce girls to historic and contemporary female role models through reading and interviewing of successful women. It encourages development of positive self-esteem by working on critical thinking and analytical skills, journal writing, and public speaking. Lindsay and fellow student volunteers provide the program to low-income, minority girls in Boston after school programs.

In March Helen Carr joined SWSG elementary school members and mentors from nine sites as they gathered at the JFK School of Government to celebrate "Women's History Month" with Judith Greenburg, author of the Andrew Lost

Series which combines her scientific knowledge with adventure writing. The author's excitement about her



SWSG honored "Women's History Month with a speaker event featuring children's author Judith Greenburg

research of scientific facts and creation of characters and adventures triggered enthusiastic dialogue. "What do you do when you are stuck?" asked one girl. "Sit quietly, ideas bubble up," she responded. Ms. Greenburg chatted with many of the girls as they requested her autograph for Andrew Lost under Water. Helen noted the interaction of leaders, mentors and girls as they engaged, listened, reminded, played, mingled, learned, and ate together during the opportunity to straight talk with a woman author.

Coinciding with her graduation in June from Harvard, Lindsay is launching an independent 501c3 Strong Women Strong Girls National with the goal of inaugurating two new chapters in the Boston area this year. SWSG will provide programming, mentoring, and evaluation of the new sites. *In Anne's Spirit* will provide a \$3000 grant to support start-up of a chapter at Northeastern University.

For more information see [www.swsorg.org](http://www.swsorg.org)

### Sojourner House

Since 1981 Sojourner House Shelter has provided housing for nine families at a time and has sheltered over 400 families. Families stay three to six months at the shelter. Parents are given assistance in job-training programs or employment, daycare and appropriate school placements for their children. However, isolation and lack of community support after leaving shelter contribute to the difficulty of many families to attain financial independence and stability and break the cycle of poverty that contributes to the incidence of

violence. In an effort to help families attain financial stability, Sojourner House has partnered with Financial Resources for Women and Children to implement a one-on-one financial mentoring program to 16 families. Sojourner House Director Anastasia Lopopolo sent us this photo and success story of a young family helped by our grant last year.

Denise came to Sojourner House when she was 21 years old, pregnant, and with two young children. A high school drop out, Denise became homeless after she could no longer live with her mother. She lived with a girl friend in a market rate apartment, but after a few months was evicted, owing two months rent which amounted to over \$1,500. While at Sojourner House Denise had her third baby, Dynasty, and later enrolled in and attended a GED program. At the shelter she also attended 10 hours of classes on financial management and job training opportunities. Denise was well organized and took excellent care of her three children but could not find housing because of her outstanding debt.



Denise and her daughter Dynasty

Through our mentoring program she was able to obtain a loan from a local bank. With her loan money and a one time cash grant from funds donated by *In Anne's Spirit*, she was able to pay off her debt, secure permanent housing and reestablish her credit with her new commercial loan. She has been in permanent housing now for over 6 months, has continued her GED program and faithfully made her loan payments.

Sojourner House also serves about 60 children per year through its program staffed by a Jesuit volunteer and BC students. Services include educational placements, recreational trips, summer camp placements, counseling and mental health supports. With recent cuts in funding for the homeless, there is a great need for assistance with summer camp fees, supplies, transportation cost.

Watch our web page for upcoming events  
On line as of July  
[www.inannesspirit.org](http://www.inannesspirit.org)

*In Anne's Spirit* will make a \$2000 grant to be used by Sojourner House to support both the childrens and the financial mentoring programs.

### **Melrose Alliance Against Violence**

Founded in 1995, the Melrose Alliance Against Violence works to raise community awareness of domestic and teen dating violence, to promote programs that work to reduce violence, and to encourage healthy relationships. There is an emphasis on youth leadership and prevention programs.

A \$3000 grant was awarded to MAAV for the 2003-2004 school year to support a new initiative "Students Helping Students to Prevent Violence" at the middle school level. Led by high school peer mediators, the 8-session program teaches conflict resolution skills including: what escalates and de-escalates conflict, trigger points for anger, and understanding other people's point of view.

*In Anne's Spirit* will grant MAAV \$2000 this year to help to plan and implement a Sexual Assault Awareness Project led by 16 peers on the Student Action Board. It will be presented to high school juniors and seniors before their school proms in April, 2005. The project will include a special program for faculty and parents to reinforce material presented to students.

For more information see [www.maav.org](http://www.maav.org).

### **The Garden of Peace A Memorial to Victims of Homicide Plans Dedication Ceremony**

We are excited to report that The Garden of Peace is nearing completion on the plaza between the newly renovated 100 Cambridge Street building and the McCormack state office building near Government Center in Boston. A formal dedication ceremony is planned for Thursday, September 23<sup>rd</sup> at the garden. All contributors to the Garden will receive an invitation and everyone is welcome to attend.

For more information about the Garden of Peace, how to include a victim's name in the Garden, what you can do to help, or the Dedication Ceremony, September 23<sup>rd</sup>, visit the website at [www.gardenofpeacememorial.org](http://www.gardenofpeacememorial.org)

### **Anne E. Borghesani Memorial Prize at Tufts University News**

*In Anne's Spirit* will contribute \$1000 to the Anne E. Borghesani Memorial Prize at Tufts fund in 2004. This incentive award provides for study in international issues. Projects encourage the promotion of personal growth, knowledge, and independence, increase understanding of diverse cultures and foster commitment to community. The Prize is housed in the Tufts Program in International Relations. The selection committee is comprised of IR Program Director Dr. Christiane Romero, members of the IR faculty, Roger, Betty, and Philip Borghesani, Evelyn Henry, T63, and Lynn Lustig, T89.

Four grants totaling more than \$8000 were presented by Roger to the undergraduate students this year at the annual Academic Awards Ceremony. Two of the students will travel to Africa. **Natawnee Fritz**, an IR and Comparative Religions major, will spend a month this summer working with AIDS orphans in Uganda through the Global Volunteer Network. **Doug Glandon**, IR and Community Health major, will investigate the health effects of western business expansion on Senegalese communities while studying spring semester of his junior year in Dakar. Peace and Justice Studies major, **Eva Skillicorn**, has spent a semester with the Tufts in Chile program. This summer she will return to Santiago to help establish an internet café in the community center in the impoverished area of La Pintana, Santiago. Greek immigration in Latin America will be the focus of study for **Anastasia Konstantakatou** during her six weeks in Argentina interviewing members of the Greek communities and researching historical archives.

At the yearly Borghesani Fall Symposium, **Sarah Sliwa** said of her internship at the International Print Triennial that "although I could have learned a lot about Polish printmaking in a library back home, I feel that it would be impossible to understand it without a sense of the country and its people." **Jenna Sirkin** spent time in Mexico and Cuba contrasting health care services for women and children. One of her experiences in Cuba was spent at a grammar school. She writes:

That afternoon we helped clean up the school grounds, did an art project with the students, and played a volleyball game under the hot Caribbean sun with salsa music blasting in the background. When we finally could no longer take



the heat, we all decided to dance in the shade. The children found my salsa very entertaining because they had all learned how to dance from the time they could walk.



Cuban children who taught Jenna Sirkin how to salsa

Many of the Borghesani Prize scholars remain in touch with us after graduation and continue to exemplify Anne's qualities of intellectual and personal challenge, adventure, and commitment to community. **Naomi Moland**, 1999 recipient, completing her third year with Teach for America in Arizona, recently ran a marathon and with her teammates raised \$13,000 for the Phoenix schools. **Karina Weinstein**, 2001 recipient who established a library in a Santiago, Chile shantytown, now works in New York tutoring and working on a teenage pregnancy prevention program. **Tamara Doi**, 1996, presently working for Morgan Stanley in San Francisco, finds time to "coach inner city girls on being successful in their educational pursuits." Beth Campbell who spent three years with the Peace Corps and also worked for CARE is now completing her graduate degree in foreign service at Georgetown University. And **Radhika Thakkar** has spent the year since graduation serving as VISTA Volunteer with the Center for Urban Education working in education reform in New York City.

### 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. Comprised of Anne's fellow classmates, the LHS Committee has been an active organization for 14 years and exists as a separate entity from the *In Anne's Spirit* Community Foundation. They maintain connections with past recipients, encourage the continued development of the Lexington High School Prize Community, and work to increase the fund.

This year's recipient of the Lexington High School prize, Audrey Gibbons, plans to attend Georgetown University. Her community involvement includes writing for the school newspaper, LHS Dance group, volunteering at Rosie's Place and Emerson Hospital, and she is an accomplished pianist. Her friend writes in a peer recommendation: "her genuine modesty is endearing as well - Audrey truly does not realize what a remarkable person she is...if she were reading this, she would probably laugh and shake her head in disbelief, as if to say, no way, that can't be me."

In recognition of the significant work done by members of the LHS Committee, *In Anne's Spirit* will again give \$2000 to the scholarship fund in 2004. We also provide an annual grant of \$1500 to the LHS Committee which enables them to extend the recipients' awards. After review by the Committee, each past recipient is awarded \$500 yearly for three years, for a total of \$1500 additional per student beyond the initial scholarship granted by the LHS fund. Dena Bruss, currently studying political science at George Washington University, Stephanie Miles, now a junior at Boston College, and Hiva Shafa, completing her freshman year at Boston University, will each receive a \$500 grant from *In Anne's Spirit* to apply towards their college expenses next year.

#### In Memoriam



Caryl Dundorf  
April, 1941 – June, 2003

Caryl, a dear friend, brought challenge, adventure, humor, understanding and spirit into the lives of all she touched. She gave us faith in our vision and provided valuable guidance in establishing *In Anne's Spirit*. True to her nature, Caryl left her friends a final challenge in the shape of a small pewter heart, and the last two lines of a poem titled *The Summer Day* by Mary Oliver –

**Tell me, what is it you plan to do  
With your one wild and precious life?**

We are still working on the answer to that question, Caryl, as we continue to assess the programs we support and search for others where we can make a difference.



**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 23<sup>rd</sup> birthday.

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*.

## *Anne's Giving Circle*

*Anne's Spirit* is able to give to others because of the loyal and generous support of so many friends of Anne and her family. Members of the Board all personally meet the grant recipients and several have attended some of their programs. Perhaps that is why we are so enthusiastic about our grant recipients, their commitment and accomplishments. We would like to invite you to share in our excitement and become more actively involved without a large commitment of your time. By contributing \$250 a year – that's just \$5 a week – you can join *Anne's Giving Circle*. Once a year, those in *Anne's Giving Circle* will be invited to join with us at a reception to meet and talk with the grant recipients and some of the Borghesani scholars. You will also be invited to present an organization for consideration for a grant that meets our objectives. If you would like to join *Anne's Giving Circle* or would just like to come and meet the grant recipients at the Borghesani's home next fall, please indicate on the form below.

**Save the Date    Celebration of Hope    Saturday, March 26, 2005**  
National Heritage Museum    Lexington, Massachusetts  
Silent Auction Reception  
Followed by Livingston Taylor in Concert

## *In Anne's Spirit*

I (We) would like to make a donation to  
The Anne E. Borghesani Community Foundation  
24 Hastings Road, Lexington, MA 02421-6807  
[www.inannesspirit.org](http://www.inannesspirit.org)

Enclosed please find a contribution in the amount of \$\_\_\_\_\_ or *Anne's Giving Circle* (\$250) \_\_\_\_\_

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\_\_\_I/we would like to learn more about  
Anne's *Giving Circle*

\_\_\_\_ I/we would like to help with or donate to  
silent auction for **Livingston Taylor**  
**Fund Raising Event in 2005.**

All contributions to the Anne E. Borghesani Community Foundation are tax deductible.  
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