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Dear Friends,

Thanksgiving, 2010

November, the start of the Holiday Season, is a time of reflection, remembering stories of past traditions, of family no longer with us. Grandparents tell grandchildren how it was in 'the olden days'. We remember the foundations of our country; give thanks for opportunities it has given us, a nation of immigrants. Above all we give thanks for sharing the holidays with family and friends.

It snowed all along the eastern seaboard on Thanksgiving, 1989. The snow started falling late on Wednesday at National Airport in Washington. Anne sat on a USAir flight for more than two hours before the trip to Boston was finally cancelled. The cab she took home was unable to make it up her hill, so she walked bootless in the snow back to her apartment. The next morning her neighborhood was still and white as she walked again down to the nearby Marriott where she was able to get a cab back to National. The snow had stopped and near noon on Thanksgiving her plane arrived to falling snow in Boston. Shortly later, stamping her feet as she came in the kitchen door, her cheeks pink and her deep brown eyes shiny, she hugged us with joy and laughingly remarked "what a lot of trouble it was just to come home and eat turkey on a Thursday". It was a joyous day, Anne full of stories of her work as a paralegal in Washington and playfully teasing her brothers, Paul and Phil. We are grateful the planes were able to fly that day; it was Anne's last Thanksgiving with us.

Today at Thanksgiving we are thankful for the committed support you have given to Anne's Memorial Prize Scholarships and the Foundation. Because of you we have been able to give scholarships to many young college students and support the development of programs working to prevent violence *In Anne's Spirit*.

In the twenty years since Anne's death, 67 students at Tufts University have received grants to study, do original research, or participate in internships in 39 countries on six continents. No one has been to Antarctica yet. The scholarship founded by Anne's classmates at Lexington High School has granted awards to twenty young women and the foundation has extended their award through college to 8 of those recipients.

Ten years ago, wishing to confront the problems contributing to violence in our society, this non-profit Foundation was created by you, the family and friends of Anne. Our mission has been to reduce the incidence and effects of violence by promoting the development of healthy children and families *In Anne's Spirit*. Since 2002 the Foundation has supported a unique girl's after school program run by Strong Women Strong Girls. We have given aid to a summer urban day camp in Boston under the auspices of the Phillips Brooks House at Harvard for five years. Early on we gave support directed to bullying prevention programs and teen dating to the Melrose Alliance Against Violence and have continued to support their efforts.

"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.

In 2001 we were one of the early funders of the newly formed Victims Rights Law Center which has grown to achieve national recognition in providing services and serving the civil legal needs of sexual assault victims. In 2006 we gave critical support to the newly developed Latinas Know Your Rights Program under the umbrella of REACH, a recognized domestic violence program in Waltham. We have provided on-going assistance to these programs.

This year we have broadened our horizons by providing a research grant to Georgia Hall at the National Institute on Out of School Time, part of the Wellesley Center for Women. Looking to identify the characteristics of a successful program geared to improving social emotional learning skills, Dr. Hall is studying an after school program for at risk middle school boys currently offered in Boston. We are anticipating that this work may lead us to effective programs which mitigate the negative influences leading to male violence.

Our foundation has no expenses other than for copying of newsletters and postage for mailings. Your donations are directly used by the programs supported. We make on site visits to all the programs and work to carefully select programs where our grants can make a difference.

Shortly after Anne's death someone sent us a clipping from the Georgetown University student newspaper. Sophomore Greg Frost had met Anne on the grounded USAir flight on that Wednesday evening before Thanksgiving. His words below remember that evening:

I remember feeling upset, tired and somewhat lonely.....

I also remember the woman whom I sat next to.....she cheered me up by saying that it had happened to her before and that it was a great way of garnering sympathy from one's family. She made the case that I could actually profit from this unfortunate event. I laughed and introduced myself. She said her name was Anne.

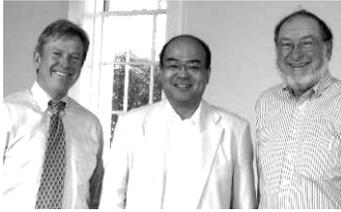
We talked some more. She was great company. It turned out that she was from Lexington, Massachusetts, had graduated from Tufts University, and was working as a paralegal in Washington.

Some may be asking what the point of my story is. (On April 3) I read about the brutal killing. As I read, I started to remember the woman who had cheered me up so much. Even though I had only known her for the short time in which we had been on the plane (before the flight was cancelled) this woman had an effect on me. She had lifted my spirits with her wit and humor, and I'll never forget her.....here I sit, saddened by the killing of a woman who, in the short time in which I knew her, truly lifted my spirits.

And so, we wish for all of you that the memory of Anne's wit and humor and love for all will bring you and your family a most warm and happy Thanksgiving Day.

With sincere thanks for all your support over the years,

Roger and Betty Borghesani



June Reception Commemorates the Tenth Anniversary of The Anne E. Borghesani Community Foundation

Richard Weissbourd, author of *The Parents We Mean to Be*, was the featured speaker at the Anne E. Borghesani Foundation event which recognized the twentieth anniversary of Anne's death and the tenth anniversary of the Foundation's beginning. Dr Weissbourd is a faculty member at the Harvard Graduate School of Education, and has written extensively about resilience, literacy, families and now raising morally healthy children. His book was named one of the notable non-fiction books of 2009 by the New Yorker magazine. Guests enjoyed a thought provoking presentation by Dr. Weissbourd, and then participated in a lively interactive question and answer session moderated by Dr. Lisa Dobberteen, AEB foundation board member. Following the discussion, guests were able to purchase Dr. Weissbourd's book as well as Dr. Dobberteen's, *Love & Limits In and Out of Child Care*; there was time for book signing and lots of informal conversation as well. Thanks to Porter Square Books (www.portersquarebooks.com) for serving as our bookseller for the event.



Dr. Weissbourd's work, and particularly this book share much in common with the mission of the AEB foundation. As he notes, opportunities for young people which provide meaningful challenges, chances to experience both authentic successes and failures, and the ability to set their own moral compasses are all concepts which lead to healthier young adults and ultimately healthier families. His book is a meaningful and articulate challenge to parents, educators, coaches and others who work with young people to really consider the impact of their actions on a young person's moral development along with usual basics. You can read more about Dr. Weissbourd's work at www.richardweissbourd.com.



Roger Borghesani and Rep. Jay Kaufman welcomed guests to the event, held at the Lexington Depot on Sunday afternoon, June 6, 2010, brought together Anne's classmates from Tufts and Lexington High, some past recipients of Anne's scholarship, interested Lexington residents, as well as supporters of the Foundation. Representatives from programs funded by the Foundation participated in the discussion and were available to talk with guests during the reception after the talk.

