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Dear Friends,

As this newsletter goes to print, we take heart that spring has finally come once again to New England. In spite of the long, snowy winter and the salt-laden snow thrust onto the corner garden by the plows, the tulips, bleeding heart, and weeping cherry are showing their blossoms. And in our family we watch with delight as Phil and Linda's new son, Brian William born on February 22<sup>nd</sup>, learns to smile and recognize his big brothers, Andrew and Mark. There is always joy in the hope and continuity of new life in spite of war, violence, and disease.

It has been a full year for us. *In Anne's Spirit* continues to grow and become involved in community work and violence prevention. In addition to the awarding of grants to successful applicants, we strive to be actively involved in the organizations we have supported. This year we have again made grants to Strong Women, Strong Girls, Victims Rights Law Center and Sojourner House. (page 2) The Anne E. Borghesani Memorial Prize at Tufts University was able to award prizes to three students this year. (page 3-4). We continue to offer our support to the Anne E. Borghesani Memorial Prize at Lexington High School which remains a separate entity comprised of Anne's fellow classmates at LHS. (page 5)

Betty continues to be very active with The Garden of Peace: A Memorial to Victims of Homicide. We had a team of ten runners in the 2003 Boston Marathon who ran to raise money for the Garden and to increase public awareness of incidence and consequences of murder. It was a special joy that our son Paul and his wife Gabrielle both successfully completed the Marathon with very good times. (page 5) We also continue our outreach to victims through Alpha Resource Center and Betty has volunteered some time with the Homicide Bereavement Center at the Cambridge Health Alliance.

In April, we were honored with the Special Recognition Award presented by the Massachusetts Victim and Witness Assistance Board at their annual Victims Rights Conference sponsored by the Attorney General's office. In presenting the award Board Member Evelyn Tobin stated that the award "honors survivors of violent crime who have made exceptional contributions to society by using their tragic experience to ease the burden of other victims and survivors." She cited our work with Anne's Foundation, Garden of Peace, and Alpha Resource Center.

Inside our newsletter you can find a fuller account of our activities. 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 hope for a more peaceful future,

Roger and Betty 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 continues to work on fulfilling its mission.**

We recognize that 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. When reviewing grant applications, we look for programs where we can make a difference.

The foundation maintains an active connection with grant recipients to help in assessing the value of our contributions. In January representatives of Strong Women, Strong Girls, The Victim's Rights Law Center, and Sojourner House were invited to an informal board meeting to discuss their programs. This also became a valuable networking meeting for some of the grant recipients as they shared common interests and goals.



Katie Reardon (VRCL), Lindsay Hyde (SWSG), Fatima Mahmud (VRCL), and Ruby Brown (Sojourner House) at *In Anne's Spirit* Board Meeting.

## **AEB FOUNDATION GRANTS**

### **Victim's Rights Law Center**

VRCL is a legal advocacy program founded and directed by Susan Vickers, JD. 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-income women and women of color." Of special concern is the need for young women to be free from sexual assault and sexual harassment in educational settings.

*In Anne's Spirit*, recognizing the unique needs of young women victims of sexual assault for services, continues its partnership with VRCL. This year we provided a \$5000 grant that supported a fellowship for Katie Reardon, a lawyer with VRCL. Katie drafted an Education Rights Chapter for the VRCL's Attorney Practice manual and used it as a foundation for a pro bono attorney training of 27 attorneys at Mintz Levin, LLP. The foundation has again awarded VRCL a \$5000 grant to support Katie's continued development of "best practice" for protecting the educational interests of sexual assault victims. She will provide direct legal representation to protect the educational interests of Boston area high school and college sexual assault victims, work with Security on Campus to improve awareness of crime on college campuses, and form a discussion group within the Boston Bar Association to examine "best and worst practices" for sexual assault victims.

Two years ago we supported a summer fellowship for Fatima Mahmud, a pre-law college student, to develop a sexual violence prevention curriculum. Now a sophomore at Wellesley College, Fatima writes that her experience with VRCL *continues to make her aware and sensitive to the administrative obstacles to ending violence against college women*. She volunteers as a Public Educator at Boston Area Rape Crisis Center (BARCC) and serves on an advisory committee to the Asian Task Force Against Domestic Violence. Fatima's work at VRCL led Emerson College to donate over \$150,000 in time, talent, and equipment to the creation of a website to educate young people about sexual assault. ([www.surviverape.org](http://www.surviverape.org))

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

### **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" in the girls' lives. It encourages development of positive self-esteem by working on critical thinking and analytical skills,

journal writing, and public speaking. Under the auspices of the Phillips Brooks House at Harvard, Lindsay and fellow student volunteers provide the program to low-income, minority girls in Boston after school programs.



Lindsay Hyde joins two other mentors at a SWSG's group at Horace Mann School. Allston

Last year, in an effort to encourage public service and community building among the girls in the program, Lindsay initiated six-week service projects in some of the groups. These projects included creation of a women's history wall quilt, collection of toiletry baskets for a women's shelter, building of bookshelves and collection of books for a women's history library. Lindsay remarks that this is *often the first time the girls are on the giving end of the service equation* and that their participation helps the girls to *understand the value of their work and encourages them to recognize the power that they have to make positive changes in their schools and their communities.*

***In Anne's Spirit*** has again awarded a \$2000 grant to Strong Women, Strong Girls to allow funding for service projects at each of the school sites where the groups meet.

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

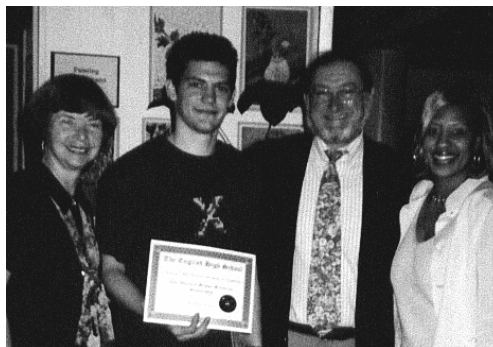
### Sojourner House

***In Anne's Spirit*** will continue to support Sojourner House, a shelter for families founded by our deceased friend, Father John Crowley. Since 1981 Sojourner House has acquired 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. However, isolation and lack of community support after leaving the 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 proposes to partner with Financial Resources for Women and Children to implement a one-on-one financial mentoring program for parents leaving the shelter while they continue with their educational and financial plans. ***In Anne's Spirit*** has granted Sojourner House \$1,500 to help implement this financial mentoring program to support parents and families after leaving the shelter.

Again this year we have given \$500 to Sojourner House to match funds raised by Ruby Brown for the Monique Brown Memorial Scholarship, given annually to a male graduate of Boston English High School. Ruby is the Family Life Advocate at Sojourner House. Her daughter, Monique, was murdered in Atlanta.



Last year Bledcar Boci, a recent immigrant from strife-ridden Albania, was the recipient of the Monique Brown Memorial Scholarship. He is studying engineering at Boston University. Betty Borghesani and Ruby Brown jointly presented the scholarship at the Boston English High Award Ceremony.

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

We continue to be actively committed to the Anne E. Borghesani Memorial Prize at Tufts and ***In Anne's Spirit*** contributed \$1000 to the Tufts Prize Fund in 2003. 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, Evelyn Henry, Tufts 1964, and Lynn Lustig, Tufts 1989.

In April 2003 three prizewinners were awarded a total of \$6870. **John Dulac** is an Environmental Engineering and International Relations double major interested in environmental policy and management. He will use his grant to explore French front-end technology to decrease waste in manufacturing and packaging of consumer products while studying in France next year. While volunteering last summer for eight weeks in a Dominican Republic orphanage, **Jenna Sirkin** became interested in women's health and reproductive issues in Latin America. She will travel to Mexico and Cuba this summer to compare health care resources and how they are differently affected by church, government, and foreign influences. An International Relations and Studio Art major, **Sarah Sliwa** is interested in how printmaking has been used by artists for relaying social and political messages, as well as aesthetic purposes. This summer she will intern at the International Print Triennial in Poland and explore the role of graphic art during the communist occupation and rebellion.



Sarah Sliwa, John Dulac, and Jenna Sirkin

These students, as do 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

**Karina Weinstein**, a 2001 Borghesani Prize recipient who spent two months studying political and social institutions in a self-governing shantytown in Santiago, Chile, was awarded a Samuel Huntington Public Service Award upon graduation which provides a stipend to pursue a yearlong project. She is presently back in Chile and is featured in the spring issue of the *Tufts International Relations news & views*.

*Karina credits the Borghesani Prize as the crucial turning point regarding my interest in development in Latin America....The two months I spent there with the prize allowed me to investigate one community and to learn that the largest problem it faces is not the lack of material things but the lack of access to education...I was left wondering about the children and what the future held for them.*

Karina's response to her wondering was to return to the same shantytown to create a library and cultural center! She wanted to create a safe space for children to spend free time and ...to encourage literacy and reading, ..and provide access to educational and cultural activities these kids normally wouldn't have access to..

(note: a photo of Karina and her shantytown children was in the 2002 AEB Foundation Newsletter)

Radhika Thakkar traveled to Cumana, Venezuela during the summer of 2002 where she volunteered at the Tumeriquere Foundation, an educational organization. Below is a photo of Radhika with some of her students during an art enrichment program she planned and executed. She remarked that many of the students had never had paints and art supplies before. They were hesitant at first to try things for fear of wasting supplies and had to be encouraged in being creative.



For more information on the Borghesani Prize at Tufts see [www.ase.tufts.edu/ir/borghesani.html](http://www.ase.tufts.edu/ir/borghesani.html).

***In Anne's Spirit* incurs no administrative expenses other than for printing of newsletters and mailing costs. Your contribution to the Anne E. Borghesani Community Foundation will directly benefit the community and will not be diminished by overhead or solicitation fee.**

### **Lexington High School Anne E. Borghesani 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.

Comprised of Anne's fellow classmates, the AEBMP 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 Prize and encourage the continued development of the AEBMP community. The AEBMP Committee continually works to grow the fund and hopes to award \$2000 every spring to a deserving senior girl.

In recognition of the significant work done by members of the AEBMP Committee *In Anne's Spirit* will again give \$2000 to this scholarship fund in 2003. We also provide an annual grant to the AEBMP Committee that enables them to extend the recipients' awards throughout their four years of college. After academic review by the Committee, each past recipient is awarded an additional \$500 yearly, for a total of \$1500 per student beyond her initial Prize.

Hiva Shafa, the 2003 prize recipient will attend Boston University. Throughout her high school years, she has been involved with Girl Scouts, volunteering at local hospitals, YearBook staff, team sports, and spent a summer in the Dominican Republic volunteering with Amigos de las Americas. Additionally, Dena Bruss (2002), currently studying political science at George Washington University, and Stephanie Miles (2001), now a sophomore at Boston College, will each receive a \$500 grant to apply towards their expenses next year from *In Anne's Spirit*.

### **The Garden of Peace A Memorial to Victims of Homicide**

Roger and Betty have continued to be involved in outreach to other survivors of homicide victims and to participate in forums, which increase public awareness of the consequences of violence. Many of you have been aware of Betty's work with **The Garden of Peace: a Memorial to Victims of Homicide**. The Garden is currently under construction on the plaza between the McCormack state office building and the renovated 100 Cambridge Street building near Government Center in Boston. Members of the Garden of Peace Board are working diligently to raise funds to support its creation and maintenance.

The Garden was granted ten invitational entries to the 2003 Boston Marathon to be used to increase public awareness and raise money. Each of the ten runners pledged to raise \$2500 in exchange for an invitational entry. Our dedicated team of runners ran for more than just the challenge and love of the race. They ran as a statement of their concern for the terrible burden of homicide on our society. Many readers of this newsletter were very generous in their financial support of Paul, Gabrielle, and Beth Agostino, who were all running in Anne's memory.



Paul Borghesani, Beth Agostino, and Gabrielle Rocap after finishing the Boston Marathon

**For more information about the Garden of Peace  
How to include a victim's name in the Garden, or  
What you can do to help**

**Visit the website at [www.gardenofpeacememorial.org](http://www.gardenofpeacememorial.org)  
The Garden of Peace  
P.O.Box 8382  
Boston, MA 02114**



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

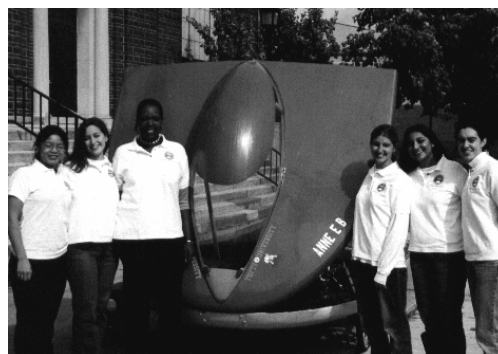
***In Anne's Spirit***, The Anne E. Borghesani Community Foundation, was created by the friends and family of Anne Borghesani. A graduate of Lexington High and Tufts University, Anne was brutally murdered by a stranger as she walked from her apartment to the Metro in Arlington, Virginia in March, 1990.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

### **The Nerd Girls at Tufts**

Anne's memory was honored recently by women at the Tufts School of Engineering. Under the guidance of Professor Karen Panetta, they have formed the NERD Girls Project to break the stigmas and stereotypes of women in Engineering. They have built a solar car which they bring to New England communities to teach young people about team work, renewable energy, and women in engineering. They chose to name their car the "Anne E B" in memory of Anne because in Dr. Panetta's words: "We felt that Anne encompasses the spirit of the project: bringing the team together to work towards a common goal....our project does embody the characteristics of determination and the passion required to pursue one's dreams and aspirations, which I know Anne exemplified." <http://nerdgirls.eecs.tufts.edu>



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

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**Tufts Prize Colloquium.**

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