



The Michigan Remembers 9-11 Fund 2012 Annual Report



2012 Scholarship Award Ceremony – East Lansing February 19, 2013

Pictured from left to right are: Megan Henriksen, Patrick Anderson, Alivia Larkin, Scott Watkins, and Georgia Gregoricka

*Not pictured: Carter Bastien

2013 Plans and Events

- 3rd annual 5k run/walk to be held in Lansing.
- Sponsor two Michigan first-responders to attend Tunnel to Towers Run in New York City.
- 3rd annual Michigan Remembers 9-11 essay contest for high school juniors and seniors.
- Release improved website that continues to honor the 19 people with Michigan connections that lost their lives. Plans also include a one-stop list of 9/11/01 memorials across the state.
- Launch fundraising push to enhance already existing events as well as begin efforts to develop a Michigan community hero recognition program.

The Michigan Remembers 9-11 Fund

The mission of the Michigan Remembers 9-11 Fund is to ensure that future generations remember September 11, 2001 as a day of loss and tragedy, and also as a day of heroism and sacrifice. We do so by remembering and honoring those who lost their lives on 9/11/01, including 19 with Michigan connections, and by celebrating and thanking the brave men and women across Michigan who

protect and serve our local communities and the nation on a daily basis.

The Michigan Remembers 9-11 Fund was founded by survivors of 9-11, who know that without the selfless actions of strangers, they too may have perished that day.

We are a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization registered in the state of Michigan.

Michigan's Youth Reflect on 9-11

In September 2012 we issued our second call for scholarship essays from Michigan high school juniors and seniors. Our aim was to encourage the state's youth to research and express their reflections on how the impacts of the September 11, 2001 terrorist attacks affected them personally, their family members or friends, their communities, or the nation as a whole.

This year we were happy to award educational scholarships to three seniors from Williamston High School. The first place award went to Carter Bastien for his essay that reflected on his experience attending school as a

second grader on the day of the attacks and how its aftermath affected him. He plans to attend Michigan State University in the fall. Alivia Larkin was awarded second place for her essay "Never Forgotten." She plans to attend the University of Michigan and major in biology. The honorable mention award was given to Georgia Gregoricka, of Owosso, for her essay "America's Tragedy: 9-11." She plans to attend the University of Alabama.

The Fund is happy to be able to encourage strong writing skills, while keeping the memory of this tragedy current to today's younger generation.

Despite their young ages at the time the attacks occurred, Carter, Alivia, and Georgia each conveyed a deep understanding of the events of 9-11.

The winners were awarded their scholarships at a ceremony on February 19, 2013. It was held at the offices of Anderson Economic Group, LLC in East Lansing. Copies of the winning essays can be found on our website.

The Fund plans to hold the contest again in the fall of this year with more details available on our website coming soon.

Running to Remember



An Orion Township Firefighter runs in full gear during the 2012 5K in Lake Orion.

- Photo by Life's Fotos

2013 5K Moves to Lansing

We will be hosting our third annual 5K run/walk on Saturday, September 7, 2013. This year we will be bringing the event to downtown Lansing. We are very excited to be in the Capital City and we hope to again raise enough money to send two Michigan first responders to the National Tunnel to Towers Race in New York City on September 29, 2013.

To register for the 2013 race, visit us at www.runsignup.com/runtoremember or you can use the link found on our website. Please contact us via email if you would like more information about donating or volunteering for this year's event.

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On September 8, 2012, fifty-four runners and twenty-five volunteers attended our second annual Tunnel to Towers Run, which was held at the Lake Orion Civic Center Park. Also in attendance was Mike Cooney, a New York City firefighter with Ladder Company 74, who came to pay tribute to the 343 firefighters killed in the events of 9-11. Everyone in attendance joined together to celebrate our first-responder heroes and helped to make the rainy morning race a successful one. With the proceeds of the event, the Fund was able to sponsor an all-expense paid weekend for two Michigan first responders to participate in the national New York City Tunnel to Towers Run on September 30, 2012.

This national run follows in the footsteps of Stephen Siller, a NYC firefighter who ran three miles in full fireman gear while responding on 9/11/01. Mr. Siller did so despite not being on call that day and so gave up his life saving others.

The first responders sent to New York City were Oakland County Sheriff's Deputy Trevor Sanford and Dispatch Specialist Eric Snyder. Sanford has served in the Michigan National Guard and Snyder served in Kuwait and Iraq while in the Marine Corps. Both were nominated by Oakland County Sheriff Michael Bouchard.

We would like to thank Meijer, Inc. and ITC Holdings Corp. for helping make the trip to NYC possible.

Hero Recognition Program Initiative

The Michigan Remembers 9-11 Fund has plans to start a hero recognition program. The purpose is to celebrate community heroes who demonstrate acts of heroism or sacrifice similar to those displayed on 9/11/01. These individuals could be first responders, military personnel, or civilians. They would be nominated by the public, by their departments, or by the Fund itself.

If you would like to donate money to help us get this program started, or have any suggestions for the implementation of the program, please email Megan at michiganremembers@gmail.com.

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