



The Michigan Remembers 9-11 Fund 2013 Annual Report



2013 Scholarship Award Ceremony – East Lansing December 10, 2013.

Pictured from left to right are: Executive Director Megan Henriksen, Founder Patrick Anderson, Paige Kelley, Cameron Stewart, and Trustee Scott Watkins.

*Not pictured: Nathalie Yanes

2014 Plans and Events

- 4th annual 5k run/walk to be held in Lansing on September 6th.
- Sponsor two Michigan first-responders to attend Tunnel to Towers Run in New York City.
- 4th annual Michigan Remembers 9-11 essay contest for high school juniors and seniors.
- Release improved website with plans to include a one-stop list of September 11th memorials across the state.
- Launch a 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 in 2006 by Patrick L. Anderson who survived the 9-11 attacks, and knows that without the selfless actions of strangers, he too may have perished that day. Trustees of the Fund include Scott D. Watkins and Ilhan K. Geckil, another 9-11 survivor.

Michigan's Youth Reflect on 9-11

In September 2013 we held our third annual scholarship essay contest for 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 deserving Michigan high school students. The first place award went to Cameron Stewart, a senior at Williamston High School, for his essay "Through the Eyes of a Child." His essay discussed the attacks from the view

point of a 5-year old child and how the aftermath affected him personally. He plans to attend Michigan State University in the fall to begin his pre-med studies.

Paige Kelley, a junior at Williamston High School, was awarded the second place scholarship for her essay "An Attack Here and a War There." She has a strong interest in the medical field and plans to attend college after she graduates next year.

The honorable mention award was given to Nathalie Yanes, a senior at Wayland High School, for her essay "Michigan Will Remember." She plans to study biology and mathematics at Calvin College in the fall.

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.

The winners were awarded their scholarships at a ceremony held on December 10, 2013 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 in August.

Running to Remember



Runners start off the 2013 5K run/walk in Lansing's Old Town.

-Photo by Michigan Creative

2014 Lansing 5K Run/Walk

We will be hosting our fourth annual 5K run/walk on Saturday, September 6, 2014. This year's event will again take place in Lansing's Old Town. We are excited to bring this family (and pet) friendly event back to the Capital City and we hope to raise enough money to send two Michigan first responders to the national Tunnel to Towers race in New York City held at the end of September.

To register for the 2014 race, visit us at www.runsignup.com/runtoremember or you may use the race page 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 7, 2013, over one hundred and fifteen participants and volunteers attended our third annual Run to Remember, which was held on a sunny morning in Lansing's Old Town. Everyone in attendance joined together to celebrate our first responder heroes and helped to make our first race in the Capital City a successful one.

Participant awards were given to Richard Allen of Okemos (top male), Leah Warren of Beverly Hills (top female), and Jeff Kalicke of Warren (top first responder).

The proceeds of the event support the programming of the Fund, which includes sponsoring two Michigan first responders to participate in the Tunnel to Towers Run in New York City. This national run follows in the footsteps of fallen NYC fire fighter, Stephen Siller, who ran three miles to save others while responding on 9/11/01.

State Representative (and former Lansing Fire Chief) Tom Cochran was on hand at the event to recognize the two first responders that were selected to travel to NYC.

First Responders Represent Michigan in NYC

The proceeds from the 3rd annual Run to Remember enabled the Fund to sponsor an all-expense paid weekend for two Michigan first responders to participate in the national Tunnel to Towers Run held on September 29, 2013 in New York City.

The selected recipients were Lansing Fire Fighter Jason Stevens and Ingham County Sheriff's Deputy Michael Grant. Stevens is a member of the LFD Honor Guard and previously served in the U.S. Army as a flight medic. Grant also served in the Army and is a veteran of the Vietnam War. Both men were nominated by Representative Tom Cochran based on their daily service to the state of Michigan and their military service to our country.

We would especially like to thank Meijer, Inc. and ITC Holdings Corp. for helping make this trip of a lifetime possible for our Michigan heroes.

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