



The Michigan Remembers 9-11 Fund 2014 Annual Report



2014 Scholarship Award Ceremony – East Lansing December 16, 2014.

Pictured from left to right are: Executive Director Megan Henriksen, Trustee Scott Watkins, Nicholas Mangopoulos, Emily Coscarelli, Founder Patrick Anderson, and Julia Muir.

2015 Plans and Events

- *5th annual 5k run/walk to be held in Lansing on September 12th.*
- *Sponsor two Michigan first-responders to attend Tunnel to Towers Run in New York City.*
- *5th annual Michigan Remembers 9-11 essay contest for high school juniors and seniors.*
- *Promote the release of a map on the Fund website that shows the location 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 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 2014 we held our fourth annual scholarship essay contest for Michigan high school juniors and seniors. The contest encourages 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 Julia Muir, a senior at Williamston High School, for her essay "Remembering America's Heroes." Her essay focused on the courage demonstrated by

those heroes who made a difference during the tragic events of 9-11-01. Julia plans to attend Grand Valley State University in the fall to pursue a degree in nursing.

Emily Coscarelli, also a senior at Williamston High School, was awarded the second place scholarship for her essay "A Day in Their Shoes." She plans to attend Michigan State University in the fall, but is currently undecided on a course of study.

Nicholas Mangopoulos, of Okemos, was awarded honorable mention for his essay "We Were Invincible." He is currently enrolled in the Early College Program at Lansing Community College, and plans to study computer engineering.

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 16, 2014 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



Tim Grant and Tiffany Dickerson before the start of the NYC Tunnel to Towers Run.

- Photo provided by Tim Grant

On September 6, 2014, over one hundred participants and volunteers attended our fourth 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 second race in the Capital City a successful one.

Participant awards were given to Phillip Kurdunowicz of Lansing (overall winner), Leah Warren of Beverly Hills (top female), and Tiffany Dickerson of Lansing (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 firefighter, Stephen Siller, who ran three miles to save others while responding on 9-11-01.

Our 2015 Run to Remember will be held on Saturday, September 12th in Lansing. For more information or to register for the 5k run/walk, please visit us on our race page at www.runsignup.com/runforember.

9-11 Memorial Map

We are proud to announce the release of the first comprehensive map of 9-11 memorials in the state of Michigan. The map pinpoints the location of 9-11 memorials across Michigan that have an actual piece of steel from the World Trade Center. It also provides pop-up information that includes the description of the monument, the exact location, and a picture of the monument (if available).

The project was completed by Rhys Fitschen-Brown, a junior at East Lansing High School. Rhys did this project as his Eagle Scout project for East Lansing Boy Scout Troop #2. He spent over 6 months working on the project and managing a team of volunteers.

The map can be found on the memorials page of the Fund website at www.michiganremembers.org.

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First Responders Represent Michigan in NYC

The proceeds from the 4th annual Run to Remember enabled the Fund to sponsor an all-expense paid weekend for two first responders to represent Michigan in the national Tunnel to Towers Run held on September 28, 2014 in New York City.

The selected recipients were Huron Valley Ambulance EMT/Williamston Firefighter Tim Grant and Lansing Firefighter/Paramedic Tiffany Dickerson. Both recipients were selected by the Fund's nomination committee based on their daily service to the state of Michigan and their communities. State Representative (and former Lansing Fire Chief) Tom Cochran was on-hand at our Lansing run to present the recipients with their awards.

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

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