



*Kevin M. Eidt Memorial Scholarship Fund
7 Bumblebee Lane ~ Norwalk, CT ~ 06851*

November 14, 2011

Dear Friend and Supporter,

As we approach Thanksgiving, we are reminded to pause and appreciate the beauty and opportunity life offers. The term thanksgiving refers not only to expressing gratitude towards someone but it also symbolizes the wonderful feeling of giving thanks. We are both grateful and thankful for your extraordinary support of Kevin's Fund as a way to honor our son.

We are pleased to update you with Kevin's Fund activities since our June 24th letter. The selection process for our primary scholarship, awarded to the most outstanding senior in the Norwalk High School class of 2012, is currently under way. Twenty two preliminary applications were submitted on October 25th. The names of those applicants selected to submit a final application will be announced during Thanksgiving week.

With the adverse economic conditions continuing to affect all of us, we are honored you continue to deem Kevin's Fund worthy of your support. You can be assured we are committed to manage Kevin's Fund with austerity, cost-effectiveness, and fiduciary oversight. The Fund operates through the generosity of volunteers and supporters so only a fraction of one percent of contributions has been required for administration and fund-raising costs. This translates to 99.4% of contributions received since 1997 being used to fund scholarships and to fulfill our mission to perpetuate Kevin's spirit and legacy.

The Fund's Board of Directors is pleased to announce the approval of scholarship awards totaling \$115,000 for 2012. Details of the seven scholarships are:

- \$100,000 ~ Norwalk High School general excellence scholarship
- \$7,000 ~ Boston College School of Management Honors Program scholarship
- \$4,000 ~ St. Jerome Youth Group scholarship
- \$1,000 ~ Norwalk High School Marching Band scholarship
- \$1,000 ~ Norwalk High School Jazz Band scholarship
- \$1,000 ~ Norwalk High School Orchestra scholarship
- \$1,000 ~ Norwalk High School Scholar-Athlete scholarship

The recipient of the Norwalk High School scholarship will be announced at our March 31, 2012 benefit dinner dance. The Boston College Carroll School of Management Honors Program scholarship recipient will be announced at their year end banquet. The St. Jerome scholarship recipient will be announced at their graduation dinner. The Marching Band and Jazz Band scholarship recipients will be announced at their year



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end banquet in June. The Orchestra and Scholar-Athlete scholarships will be announced at the annual Norwalk High School awards assembly in May.

Including our 2012 scholarships, the total value of scholarships awarded by Kevin's Fund since 1997 will exceed \$1,250,000. Although it is impossible to quantify Kevin's life, it is a fitting tribute to what Kevin accomplished in his life that so much has been accomplished to perpetuate his memory. Equally important, Kevin's Fund continues to make a difference in the lives of the 87 extraordinary young men and women in college, business, government, and education who are recipients of his scholarships thanks to your generosity.

The recipients of Kevin's scholarship are the true reflection of Kevin's Fund's accomplishments. Those able to attend our benefit dinner dance are witnesses to our success in identifying and rewarding exceptional young men and women in Kevin's memory. For those unable to attend the 2011 dinner dance we have included Lorena Sferlazza's acceptance speech as an attachment to this letter.

We deeply appreciate your support in sustaining Kevin's scholarships as a way to honor his life and his legacy. Information regarding our 13th annual benefit dinner dance and scholarship presentation on Saturday, March 31, 2012 will be mailed during the latter part of January. We hope you are able to join us at the benefit dinner dance to remember Kevin in a unique and special way, to celebrate his life and to perpetuate his spirit through the gift of education.

Sincerely,

Chris

Christian H. Eidt,
Director

The Kevin M. Eidt Memorial Scholarship Fund, a 501(c)(3) publicly supported charitable organization, was established in honor of the exemplary achievements of Kevin, who died from cardiac arrest during his freshman year at Boston College. The Fund recognizes outstanding achievement in academics, athletics, arts, and community and religious commitment.



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Lorena Sferlazza's 2011 NHS Scholarship Acceptance Speech
Delivered on April 9, 2011

Members of the Scholarship Committee, Mr. & Mrs. Eidt, Mr. Christian Eidt, Dr. Gioiella, Mr. Hariton, Mr. Simonsen, Mr. Calnon, and all present tonight:

To say that I am overwhelmed and overjoyed as the recipient of this year's Kevin Eidt Memorial Scholarship is an understatement. I am indeed privileged to have been chosen by the committee for this honor, and few words can express my sincere gratitude. In receiving this award, I am reminded not only of the generosity of all the benefactors who have contributed to making this scholarship possible, but also of the vision and spirit that has motivated the Eidt family to establish this and other scholarship funds.

Most significantly, however, I am reminded of the life of one young man who touched the lives of so many others in a special way and who continues to make a lasting impact even still today. While I never met Kevin personally, I feel that I do know him by his legacy, which I have learned over time through the various workings of this scholarship program. I first heard of Kevin Eidt during my freshman year, in the media covering the 2008 scholarship recipient, and began to wonder how one young person could inspire so many people. After speaking with some of my teachers who knew Kevin personally, I now understand that his legacy is truly a testament to this altruism and his dedication to others, and each of you gathered here today in support of this cause has proven the magnitude and impact of his wonderful attributes.

I've realized that there is nothing more valuable than the gift of his enormous compassion and goodness of heart. Like Kevin, we must know that we can make a world of difference through everyday interactions with others. Simple acts of kindness like treating others with respect and being mindful and understanding of one another are values that Kevin embraced to make our community a better place to live. This is his legacy, which I will proudly carry with me throughout my life.

I am so happy to be part of this event tonight and to be offered the opportunity to continue Kevin's legacy. I wish to honor his memory by example through every aspect of my life. With the assistance that this scholarship will afford me as I prepare to enter college, I will be applying myself in every way possible, challenging myself academically, developing my artistic and creative interests, and growing spiritually and socially through my church and community. The more that I learn about myself and my environment, the better prepared I will be to make our world a better place through helping others with the gifts that I have been given. In that way, I will make Kevin's legacy known beyond the bounds of this community.



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I am truly grateful to the Eidt family and to all of you here tonight and also to my family who has supported and nurtured me throughout the years. I hope to make the Eidt family proud by continuing the light that was Kevin's life and to share in his mission of compassion and goodness that remains an inspiration to all of us.

Thank you.

Fund News

Information Updates

For current Fund information released between our status letters please visit our website www.KevinsFund.org or join us at www.Linkedin.com.

Fund First

Congratulations to Jessica Bruno, 2005 Norwalk High School scholarship recipient, and Greg Vetter, 2002 St. Jerome Youth Group scholarship recipient, who were married on July 23 in Norwalk, Connecticut.

The wedding party included eight of Kevin's Fund scholarship recipients. Besides the bride and groom were Beth Olson, 2001 St. Jerome Youth Group scholarship, Tom Wagner, 2003 Norwalk High School scholarship, Kelly Spenard, 2005 St. Jerome Youth Group scholarship, Angelo Bruno, 2007 St. Jerome Youth Group scholarship, Ray Vetter, 2006 Marching Band scholarship, and Ben Vetter, 2008 Jazz scholarship.

Greg is a lawyer and Jessica is a third year law student Quinnipiac University. The couple resides in Trumbull, Connecticut.

Different Ways to Help

Sandra Gearhart, a Mary Kay Sales Director and Independent Beauty Consultant, will donate a percentage of sales by new customers who mention Kevin's Fund. If you use, or are interested in using Mary Kay products please contact Sandra at (203) 852-0202 and mention Kevin's Fund.

Help Kevin's Fund while searching or shopping the web. Kevin's Fund is registered with www.GoodSearch.com, www.GoodShop.com, and www.igive.com.