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Since the inception of the Jason M. Garfield Scholarship Fund in the Fall of 1983 we, thanks to donations from friends and relatives, have been able to award six four-year scholarships in the amount of \$1,000 per year per student. In addition to awarding scholarships we have been able to make substantial contributions to various charitable foundations, such as, The New England Children's Happiness Fund through which we have enabled several terminally ill children to take the vacation of their dreams.

Because the Jason M. Garfield Scholarship is very unique and special, the past and present recipients have demonstrated strong leadership qualities and distinctive personality traits. Our scholarship application process is thorough and personalized. The application form follows a special format, including recommendation letters from the student's parents and teachers, as well as a personal essay addressing why the applicant wants the scholarship.

Our board of six appointed directors then studies and grades each application form and student on an individual basis before choosing the new recipient.

The Jason M. Garfield Scholarship past and current recipients are an impressive and outstanding group of individuals. They include Michael Mastromatteo, who graduated from the University of Massachusetts majoring in pre-med, and is presently attending medical school in Galway, Ireland. This year, an additional financial award has been given to Mr. Mastromatteo in acknowledgement of his academic accomplishments.

The second recipient was Caroline Cummings who has been attending Eckerd College in Florida. Ms. Cummings will receive her degree in Business Management this coming May.

The third scholarship was awarded to Heather Strout, a recent graduate from Boston College's School of Management.

The 1989 recipient, William Rockett attended Hobart and William Smith Colleges and majored in journalism.

Julia Richardson, the 1990 recipient is a nursing major at the University of Delaware.

The 1991 Jason M. Garfield Scholarship has been awarded to Sharon Gosling. Ms. Gosling, a freshman at Springfield College, is majoring in physical therapy.

The Scholarship Fund's board of directors is very proud of these special individuals and is honored that they continue to keep in touch and enjoy sharing updates on their careers.

MARBLEHEAD YOUTH HOCKEY AWARD

After much planning and research, an award has been recently established in Jason's name, for the Marblehead Youth Hockey Program. This unique award is intended to perpetuate Jason (Jaybird) Garfield's memory in the sport he loved so much.

Jason is remembered as a motivational and supportive teammate. He was a vibrant athlete always demonstrating a strong, positive and encouraging attitude to all those who were around him.

The award is a breathtaking and beautiful sculpture of a young goalie, created by the internationally famous North Shore artist Beverly Seamans. The original and incredible piece of art captures the innocence and simplicity of youth, as well as the athleticism and determination that Jason's brave spirit embodied. The sculpture will be a constant source of inspiration and love.

Although the exact criterion guidelines are in the process of being defined, the sculpture is intended to be awarded to ANY individual involved in the Marblehead Youth Hockey Program who has gone above and beyond all expectations in order to make a memorable contribution to the organization.

THE 1991 ANNUAL JASON M. GARFIELD FUND BRUNCH

This year, the friends and associates of Jerry and Steffie Garfield who have been involved with establishing and continuing the Scholarship Fund gathered together for a brunch and reception to meet and honor the newest recipient, Sharon Gosling and her parents, as well as to reunite with the former recipients.

The reception was hosted by Jerry and Steffie at their Marblehead home, on August 4, 1991, at 11:00 A.M. In attendance were past, current and new members of the fund's board of directors and officers, Jerry's and Steffie's parents, Mr. & Mrs. Henry Garfield and Mr. & Mrs. Henry Winkeller, several past scholarship recipients, Ms. Gosling and her parents.

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Highlights of the brunch included some very moving comments and letters offered by the recipients. Each expressed how special and honored they felt about not only receiving the Jason M. Garfield Scholarship, but, being included in the close-knit "family" the fund has created. They, each in their own way, thanked everyone involved for giving them the opportunity to follow their dreams. "I wouldn't be who I am or where I am today without all of you and the Jason M. Garfield Scholarship Fund" was reiterated throughout each speech.

The most wonderful and personal moment of the morning was the surprise presentation of the hockey goalie sculpture to Jerry and Steffie. A gesture the Garfields never expected, but greatly appreciated. As everyone passed the sculpture from person to person a special feeling of warmth and love filled the room and became the spirit of the day.

TALK OF THE TOWN!

If you think you had fun at the last Jason M. Garfield Scholarship Fund Adult Benefit Hockey Tournament - Marblehead vs. Winthrop - just wait until you hear about our latest challenge. The infamous high school rivalry was relived as Marblehead opposed Swampscott! The game, benefitting both the Jason M. Garfield Scholarship Fund and Swampscott's Francis and Judith Cassidy Scholarship Fund, took place on Friday, January 3, 1992 at the Salem State College Ice Arena from 6:30 - 9:30 P.M.

The action was hot and the Marblehead team was victorious, outscoring Swampscott six to three. Despite the furious level of competition all of the participants emerged

virtually "unscathed" and were able to put aside their differences to celebrate and commiserate at the after-game party at the Gerry V in Marblehead. Due to the enthusiasm of all the participants and the crowd, plans are already in progress for a rematch next year.

SUPPLY AND DEMAND

As a result of the recent outpouring of requests, we are now offering an Acknowledgement Card Package. This is an easy and unique way for anyone to make a contribution to the Jason M. Garfield Scholarship Fund in Commemoration of special occasions, such as birthdays, anniversaries, appreciation, congratulations or in memorium. For further information please contact Jackie Miller at (617) 631-7034.

CHANGING OF THE GUARD

Change is inevitable but not always easy. At this time we all wish to express our deepest appreciation and love to those who have given so much to the Jason M. Garfield Scholarship Fund. Those people who have been a constant source of support and service from the organization's inception.

We wish to thank out-going officers: President Ellis F. Woodfin, Secretary Pat Hart, and Director Dick Ledbury.

With the same affection and endearment we want to welcome the newly installed President Audrey Connolly and Secretary Geralyn Cole, as well as the new

directors: Wayne Attridge, Ralph Colantano, Frank Cole, Robert Jackson and Hilary Rockett, Jr.

And we express our continued thanks to those on-going members of the board of directors Jerry Garfield, Frank Hart, Bob and Joan Livingston, Jackie Miller, Joe and Arlene Pickering, Ken and Sheila Roy, Mike Snow, Bernice Woodfin and Ellis Woodfin.

IN FOND MEMORY OF

We would like to express our sympathy at the passing of Al Sweetland, a founder and original executor of the Jason M. Garfield Scholarship Fund. Al will be fondly remembered for his tireless efforts promoting the scholarship fund, as will his years of involvement and valuable contributions to various youth organizations in the Marblehead community. Al Sweetland will be greatly missed by all.

MANY THANKS!

In closing, we wish to thank you for your previous donations to the Jason M. Garfield Scholarship Fund, Inc. and hope that you will continue to support our cause. Because of your generosity, many lives have been touched in a special and unforgettable way - just as our lives were touched by Jason's love, friendship and inspiration.