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Dear MSLF Supporters:

The Massachusetts Soldiers Legacy Fund was established in November 2004. Over the past decade, the MSLF has grown in several ways. The MSLF trust has increased to over \$4.5 million in assets and we've distributed over a half of million dollars to our eligible children for their education needs. While we are pleased with the progress the MSLF has made, we also realize our mission is long-term. There are currently 77 children eligible to receive funding from MSLF; their ages range from 4-26 years old. As a new decade begins, our focus will be to make sure that the educational endeavors of these children are supported and that they are on the path to graduating from an institution of higher learning or vocation.

The MSLF hopes that our efforts, which are supported by thousands of donors, are a small way of honoring the tremendous sacrifice of Massachusetts' fallen heroes. With your help, we look forward to continuing to honor these brave families.

Best Regards,

Pete

Pete Trovato
MSLF Founder and Trustee



GRASSROOTS FUNDRAISING

GIFT FOUNDATION

In July, the Boston Chapter of the GIFT Foundation (Giving Inspiration for Tomorrow) sponsored a cycling event at Vélo-City Spin Studio in Boston to raise money for our families. The GIFT Foundation is a non-profit organization supporting local charitable groups. We are grateful to them and to their donors for raising over \$2,000 for the MSLF.

MARLBOROUGH COUNTRY CLUB

The Marlborough Country Club (MCC) held its 4th Annual Military Appreciation Day on October 21st. Their goal was to raise funds for the MSLF and to recognize the men and women of our military for their service and sacrifice to our country. Thank you to MCC for raising over \$4,000 for the MSLF!

GOALS TO ASSIST WILLIAMS COLLEGE

For the 4th year in a row, the Men's Hockey team at Williams College sponsored Goals to Assist, a fundraising campaign to raise money for the MSLF. Goals to Assist connects students, parents, and alumni to the MSLF and raised over \$6,000 in 2014.



6TH ANNUAL 9/11 MEMORIAL FUNDRAISER HONORING SGT KYLE HARRINGTON

On August 22-24 Fenway Westfield held its 6th Annual Memorial Tournament, raising over \$2,500 in 2014 and \$20,000 since 2009 for the MSLF. This year the 9/11 Memorial Fundraiser honored SGT Kyle Harrington. Kyle died in 2009 in Iraq at 24, leaving behind wife Faith and two children, Kaylee and Josh.

COMMUNITY SUPPORT

The MSLF is honored to be a part of a coalition of organizations that support Gold Star/Surviving Families. We thank you for this partnership and look forward to future endeavors.

American Gold Star Mothers Inc.

www.massgoldstarmothers.com | agsm_ma_ri_secretary@yahoo.com

Army Survivor Outreach Services

www.sos.army.mil | (508) 233-7714 (O) | (508) 216-6189 (M)

The Red Sox Foundation and Massachusetts General Hospital Home Base Program

www.homebaseprogram.org | (617) 262-1400

The Jeffrey Coombs Memorial Foundation

www.jeffcoombsfund.org | (781) 982-1608

Massachusetts Department of Veterans' Services

www.mass.gov/veterans | (617) 210-5480

Massachusetts Iraq and Afghanistan Memorial Fund

www.massfallenheroes.org | (617) 275-9493

Massachusetts Military Heroes Fund

www.massmilitaryheroes.org | 1 (888) 909-HERO (4376)

Military Friends

www.militaryfriends.org | (617) 733-7994

Project New Hope

www.projectnewhopema.org | bmoore@projectnewhopema.org

Thanks to Yanks

www.thankstoyanks.org | (508) 330-8487



Marcus Enos, age 10
Clarksville Christian School, Tennessee

"Marcus attends Clarksville Christian School in Clarksville, TN. Marcus is in the 4th grade and really loves his school. The school creates a caring and creative learning environment. Class sizes are kept to a minimum, and therefore students are afforded a lot of individualized attention when it comes to their education. Marcus was in need of a school that could provide these things for him. Because of MSLF he is really doing well and comes home with a great attitude about school every day. The funds from the Massachusetts Soldiers Legacy Fund help to ensure Marcus will be able to continue to attend this school and be successful in his education. Marcus having the opportunity to attend Clarksville Christian School puts him on the right path for achieving his goals and eventually pursuing his college education."

— Shannon Enos Longoria,
mother of Marcus Enos



In honor of Memorial Day, Eaton Wrightline of Worcester held a school supplies drive for our families. There were over 1,000 supplies donated, including pencils, pens, crayons, books, calculators, and much more! A great big thank you to Eaton Wrightline and its employees.

BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Peter Trovato, Founder, MSLF

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Erica Zeiger, Director, MSLF

2014 FUND FACTS + YEAR SUMMARY

GENERAL FAMILY STATISTICS

SERVICEMEMBERS	47
CHILDREN ELIGIBLE	77
CHILDREN AWARDED GRANTS	42*
AVERAGE AGE	13
2014 GRANTS ISSUED	\$220,000*

*In 2014

STATISTICS BY SERVICE BRANCH



ARMY: 33



AIR FORCE: 1



MARINES: 11

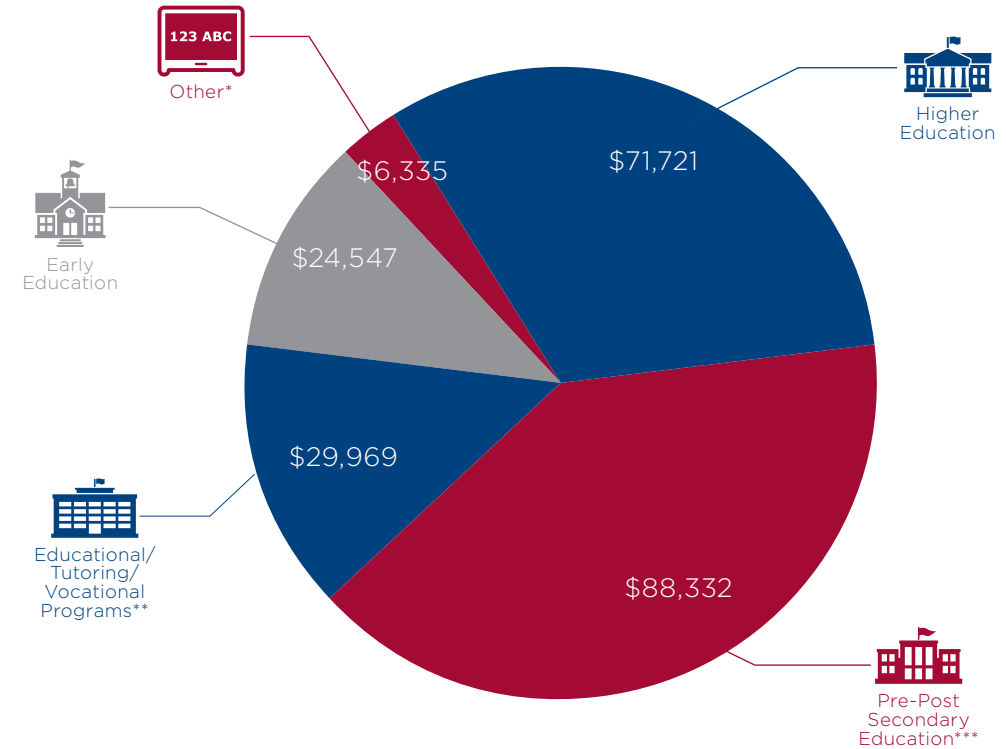


NAVY: 1



CIA: 1

2014 FUND DISTRIBUTION SUMMARY



*Other includes computers, supplies, home school, etc.

**Educational/tutoring/vocational programs include educational programs, vocational and summer camps

***Pre-post secondary education includes elementary and high school.

Skylah Sherman, age 4

"If it was not for the MSLF, today my daughter would not be learning and enjoying her days being social with other students. I am able to go to school without worrying about making ends meet for her to attend school. I am truly grateful for the support of my daughter and me."

— Patricia Sherman, mother of Skylah Sherman



"There are many things that helped us heal after my husband died. One of the most impactful is the fact that our community appreciates and acknowledges the service and sacrifice that our military families endure. The Massachusetts Soldiers Legacy Fund not only ensures that my boys can get a quality education, it also ensures that my boys know that their Dad is not forgotten."

— Kim Ruocco, mother of Joseph and William Ruocco

Joseph (age 21) and William (age 19) Ruocco

SUMMARY FINANCIAL INFORMATION*

2014 FINANCIALS SUMMARY

2014 Year End Asset Value	\$4,567,601
2014 Year End Donations & Investment Income	\$344,055
2014 Operating Expenses as % of Asset Base	2.8%

2014 SUMMARY BALANCE SHEET

ASSETS	
MSLF Trust Account Balances	\$4,367,601.09
Pledges Receivable	\$200,000.00
Total Assets	<u>\$4,567,601.09</u>
LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS	
Liabilities	
Accounts Payable	\$221.00
Grant Commitments	\$2,578,423.77
Total Liabilities	\$2,578,644.77
Net Assets	
Unrestricted Assets	\$1,988,956.32
Total Liabilities and Net Assets	<u>\$4,567,601.09</u>

*All financial data compiled from calendar year 2014; 1/1/14-12/31/14

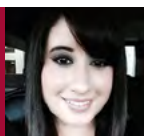
MEET TWO OF OUR FAMILIES

GRACE AND TRISTAN BOOTH

Grace and Tristan Booth of Webster, MA are the children of 1 LT Joshua Booth, who died in 2006 in Iraq. Grace is 9 years old and attends St. Louis School in Webster, MA. Grace is energetic, funny, and compassionate. She loves arts and crafts and participating in cheerleading and dance. Grace is loving and kind to everyone, especially her two younger brothers.

Tristan, age 7, was diagnosed with Kleefastr Syndrome at age 2. He has a great sense of humor and loves animals, tractors, and bubbles. His favorite song is "What Does the Fox Say" and he can navigate YouTube like a professional. He enjoys going to school and playing with his younger brother and his dogs.

Katie Cunningham
Art Institute of Austin, Texas



The MSLF has provided Grace with education grants for a summer camp she attended with her Grandmother and for her tuition to private school. Tristan received a grant for an iPad and an application to help him communicate.

KATIE CUNNINGHAM

Katie Cunningham was 11 years old when she lost her Dad. Staff Sergeant Darren Cunningham was killed 2004 in Baghdad, Iraq. Kate graduated in June 2014 from the Art Institute of Austin with her BFA in Graphic Design. She's currently a sales associate at Pier One Imports as well as a Senior Print Manager at Office Max. Katie is quiet and shy and loves to draw and write. She enjoys finding images for inspiration and researching their origins. She loves her city, Austin, Texas and loves trying out new restaurants.

"MSLF helped me a great deal. I doubt I would've been able to attend school without MSLF's help. They provided me with the financial means and moral support I needed in order to continue on to get my degree in something I love and for that I'm grateful." — **Katie Cunningham**



MSLF MISSION

The Massachusetts Soldiers Legacy Fund (MSLF) was founded in 2004 with a simple goal: to provide educational assistance grants to the children of Massachusetts Servicemembers who were killed while deployed on Operations Enduring or Iraqi Freedom. An individual qualifies for funding from MSLF if his/her parent gave his/her life in support of Operations Enduring or Iraqi Freedom and if parent's service was credited to the State of Massachusetts.

You can visit www.mslfund.org or call toll-free at 1-866-856-5533 to learn more about the MSLF.



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