

## **BURLINGTON COMMUNITY SCHOLARSHIP FOUNDATION**

### **ANNUAL REPORT**

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The Burlington Community Scholarship Foundation has managed again to award its annual quota of scholarships to high school seniors and community adults thanks to the generosity of the residents and businesses in Burlington.

In 2009, the BCSF awarded seventy eight student scholarships and six adult scholarships for a total of \$119,900. In addition to the Burlington Community Scholarship Foundation the Burlington High School Scholarship program, which is under our umbrella, awarded \$208,900. The statistics for 2009 are: 185 total individuals received awards, 165 will attend a 4 year College or University, 14 will attend a 2 year Junior or Community College, 4 will attend a Vocational / Tech School and 2 will attend another type of higher education.

Last year the BCSF added three new scholarship, two donated by Allied Waste in the amount of \$750 each and a \$2,000 scholarship in the name of E. Ruth Andrews donated by her husband Larry McCloskey in her memory. Several new scholarships were established within the BHS scholarship Program. Three scholarships were established in the memory of the following BHS student's: Stephen McGowan, Dan Whitehead and Colleen Larson. The Paula Kaplan Scholarship was established for the long time teacher who was retiring after 30 years of service. In lieu of a retirement party, her fellow co-workers established a scholarship in her honor. Also new for 2009 were the BHS Men's Varsity Alumni Basketball Scholarship, Sammy's Deli and the Bay Path College Scholarships.

The following individuals comprise the Board of Directors: Debbie Keene, Jayne Hyde, Rosemarie Tieri, Janet Modesto, Juliette Mott, Pat Dotson, Liz Giannino, Jack Ferrin, Paul Sheehan, Tom Killilea, Al Fay, Brian Curtin, Joe Attubato, Sheldon Bishov and Steve Preston. Special thanks go out to Robyn Miliano, Phil Gallagher and Sonia Rollins who recently left the Board and provided many years of service. The Board of Directors meets monthly and all of our meetings are open to the public.

#### **The BCSF is comprised of the following sub committees:**

The Investment Committee is led by Brian Curtin with the assistance of Phil Gallagher, Juliette Mott and Dr. Eric Conti. This committee meets regularly and have done an exceptional job during these difficult economic times.

The Awards Committee meets each spring to review applications and award all scholarships, both student and adult. My sincere thanks to the individuals who donate their time to this committee.

Adopt a Class is another component of the Burlington Community Scholarship Foundation. Adopt a Class partners a local business with a specific grade level. Their goal is to raise money over a thirteen year period. Every year at graduation the money raised is then awarded to students. The Class of 2009 sponsored by Curtin Financial Services, Inc. awarded \$38,900 in scholarships. Special thanks to Debbie Keene, Robyn Miliano, Rosemarie Tiere, Janet Modesto, Tom Killilea and Sheldon Bishov for making Adopt a Class so successful over the years. Listed below are the classes and their Adopt a Class Partners:

2010- Tabaldi – Century 21	2014- Brick Point Properties	2018- Lahey Clinic
2011- Burlington Firefighters	2015- Reimer & Braunstein	2019- CitiBank
2012- Sonia Rollins Exit Realty	2016- Reimer & Braunstein	2020- Liquor Cabinet
2013- Northern Bank and Trust Company	2017- Vidoli & Associates	2021 & 2022 In need of business partner

Our major fundraiser each year is our Annual Telethon, which is held in October. This endeavor is a huge undertaking and requires much planning which begins over the summer. Planning sessions are held at the Law Office of Riemer and Braunstein at Executive Park. Thank you to Attorney Bob Buckley, Melissa Cushing and all of their staff for their generosity and support. Special thanks to the B-Cat Staff, especially Jen Dodge, Tricia Hicks, Dick Linder, Rick Karwan and all of their volunteers who help us televise the event. Many thanks to Doug Gillingham, Ray Harbor and Jim Round for their support. This year’s Telethon was made possible by the efforts of Al Fay, Jack Ferrin, Jayne Hyde, Brian Curtin, Don Flaherty, Debbie Keene, Robyn Miliano, Pat Dotson, Janet Modesto, Rosemarie Tiere, Juliette Mott, Brian Curtin, Joe Attubato, Tom and Jacki Killilea. Special thanks to Sheldon Bishov, all of the High School student volunteers who make calls to the residents, all of the people and businesses who made contributions, provided refreshments or gave prizes to help insure the success of this event. This year we raised \$47,000 during the three nights of the Telethon.

I would also like to thank all of the people who make contributions to us with their tax bills and water & sewer bills. We appreciate each contribution that is sent to help the young people of Burlington further their education. Last year we received \$7,230 in contributions.

**We would like to recognize the following for special consideration:**

Robert Murray awarded 5 scholarships in the amount of \$12,500 again this year.

Mrs. Audrey Johnson raised and donated \$8,590 in the name of her son, Wayne Alan Johnson.

Riemer and Braunstein donated \$10,000 in memory of Harold DuLong.

Burlington Lion's Club continues to support the Adopt a Class program by making a \$1,000 donation to the 2009 Adopt a Class. This partnership was established several years ago with the high school students donating their time to the Annual Lions Club Christmas Tree Sale.

Joe Morandi raised \$2,000 for the BCSF from the "Festival of Trees" on the Town Common.

Pixel Forensics, Inc. donated \$250 and will be establishing a scholarship in their name for 2010

The Scholarship Foundation is deeply grateful to our first President Joan Miles and her husband Steve who were the motivating force to initiate our foundations beginnings. We will also remember the large contribution made by Harold DuLong and Ernie DeMartinis that made our annual telethon fundraiser such a large success.

Respectfully submitted,

Stephen E. Preston, Jr.  
President