In closing, I wish to express my deep appreciation to Superintendent of Schools, Dr. William Conners and to Dr. James Picone, the Assistant Superintendent for Business and Finance, for their continuing support and encouragement and to Dr. Maynard Suffredini and Tom Imbriglio for their cooperation in combining their scholarship efforts with ours for the benefit of students and donors, and to the members of the Board of Directors for their continuing, enthusiastic commitment to expanding educational opportunities for all Burlington residents through building a substantial scholarship endowment fund. Members of the Board in addition to myself are 1st Vice President Lucy Damiani, 2nd Vice President Deborah Keene, Treasurer Brian Curtin, Secretary Joan Corrao, Vita Cyr (former Vice President), Ernie DeMartinis, Harold Dulong, Arthur Fallon, Jack Ferren, Tom Imbriglio, Nancy Jones, Tom Killilea, Miriam Malkasian, Stephen Miles, Juliette Mott, Paul Sheehan, Connie Skourtis, and student representatives Elizabeth Keene, Kim Piccolo, Lauren Piccolo, Christopher Keene, and Laura Greene.

Respectively submitted,

Joan F. Miles, President

HOUSING AUTHORITY

The Burlington Housing Authority, organized in 1966 operates under the provision of Chapter 121B of the Massachusetts General Laws and 24CFR, Section VIII of the Federal Regulations.

There were some staff changes in 2000. The Authority hired Rina Petit as its new Executive Director in June. Mary Jane Doherty became the new Resident Relations Coordinator in July. Joan Bannon, the bookkeeper, resigned in September. Maureen Lynch became the new bookkeeper during the fall.

The Department of Housing and Community Development (DHCD) awarded the Authority two grants: $145,000 to paint the exteriors at Birchcrest Arms & Tower Hill and $3,750 to purchase new computers. The painting should get underway by the summer of 2001.

The work crews from the Middlesex Sheriff's Office provided four weeks of extensive labor at the Authority's properties. They cleared out an overgrown/heavily wooded area and stacked logs for disposal; painted sheds, picnic tables, and benches; prunned trees and shrubbery; leveled eroded areas; painted the interior common hallways at Tower Hill; and painted three vacant apartments. The work crew saved the Authority over $15,000. Sheriff James DiPaola's Community Work Program provides a positive transitional experience for the work crews and saves thousands of dollars for participating agencies on limited budgets.

The Authority transferred the administration of One Hundred (100) units in the Section 8 Federal Subsidized Housing Program to the Dedham Housing Authority for a two year period. The Authority continues to administer the sixteen (16) units of the State Massachusetts Rental Voucher Program, One Hundred Five (105) elderly conventional units at Birchcrest Arms and Tower Hill, Two (2) units of scattered site family housing under the State 705 Program, and the Ten (10) studio apartments for low-income elderly at Longmeadow Place, an assisted living facility for elderly. The units at Longmeadow Place were provided to the Burlington Housing Authority for tenant selection under an agreement with the Newton Group.

The Burlington Housing Authority continues to dedicate their Agency to providing low income housing for the community and the residents of the Town of Burlington.

Respectfully submitted,

James Marchese, Chairman