

## The Dan K Scholarship Fund Newsletter Summer/Fall 2009 www.dankenny.org dankennyfund@gmail.com



## WHAT A YEAR (AND A HALF)!

Since its inception in December 2007, the Daniel M. Kenny, Jr. Memorial Scholarship Fund has grown tremendously. From the very beginning, our Board of Directors and fantastic volunteers have been working hard to fulfill the Fund's two primary goals, awarding scholarships to deserving graduating high school seniors and raising awareness of heart-related medical and fitness issues. Our Fund is now a recognized tax exempt public charity under section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code.

We have already held two annual "Dinner Parties for Dan", the first on September 5, 2008 and the second, honoring Peter Picca and Adrianna Maselli from Gold's Gym, on May 30, 2009. Both events were wonderful successes by any standards. Nobody left hungry after enjoying the sumptuous appetizers, entrees, desserts and beverages donated by the attendees and our valued sponsors. Surely many of us saw Dan there with us, rolling back his head in laughter and winking in his trademark impish way as he cracked a joke. We miss you, Dan.

Our first annual "Dan K 5K" road race, held in collaboration with Gold's Gym, was "off and running" on September 14, 2008. Like Dan, our first race was full of surprises and just a "wee bit" of mayhem. No one seemed to mind, however, that they didn't quite run a full "5K" as they were enjoying the after-race refreshments and awards ceremony.

But there's more. On April 26, 2009 our "Dan K Walking Team" participated in the Putnam Heart Association's Heart Walk, raising over \$500 to fight heart disease.

Due to the generosity of our many donors and sponsors, in 2008 the Fund raised over \$13,000 in gross revenues. Those funds are certainly being put to good use (see below)!

## AND THE AWARD RECIPIENT IS...

On June 3, 2009, the Fund made its first scholarship award to Caterina Longhi, a Carmel High School graduating senior who is college-bound. Caterina is a gifted student and accomplished musician who intends to major in both music performance and science, ultimately with an eye towards pursuing a medical career in the field of pediatrics. She has served her community in many ways, including being a mentor to other students and a counselor in a local day camp. Congratulations Caterina!

## LOOKING FORWARD: LACE UP YOUR RUNNING SHOES!

We understand that we've started a few running careers. After last year's First Annual "Dan K 5K", several first time runners were reportedly so inspired that they went on to run half and full marathons! Maybe we can inspire you this year?

The Second Annual "Dan K 5K" and 1-mile fun run/walk will take place on September 13, 2009. As last year, the event will be held in collaboration with our good friends at Gold's Gym in Carmel, New York. It's a USA Track and Field sanctioned event, and bound to be lots of fun. Registration starts at 8:00 a.m. at Gold's, and the race starts at 9:00 a.m. After the run, you'll be able to fuel up at our post-race celebration and awards ceremony.

Why wait? Register right now. Go to www.dankenny.org, download your race registration and be sure to see us on September 13!