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The Man in the Red Bandanna

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Dear Friends of Welles,

The third anniversary of September 11th is nearing and we would like to thank you once again for the generosity of your gift to **The Welles Remy Crowther Charitable Trust**. There have been new and amazing developments this year and I will share many.

First of all, we are so very proud to announce the arrival of our first grand-child, a beautiful, 6 lb, 10 oz. baby girl, born to our daughter, Honor and husband Rick Fagan, on July 24 at 1:53 am. Welles Remy Fagan has brought us all much joy !

In the spring of 2002, we established The Birchwood Award at Nyack High School where Welles was a member of the Class of 1995. An engraved crystal "Sail" sculpture and \$1,000 is awarded each to a young woman and a young man chosen by committee based upon our criteria of excellence in scholastics, athletics and community service. This year the Birchwood Award was given to Monica Caluncagin and Jeffrey Tangredi. Both are high honor students. Monica was a 3-sport varsity athlete and captain of each team, tennis, basketball and lacrosse. She was a Journal News Rockland Scholar-athlete winner and has volunteered extensively with the Leadership Club and Camp for Girls. Monica will attend St. John's University in the fall. Jeffrey was a member of the varsity track team and is an active member of Empire Hook & Ladder Co., No. 1 of Upper Nyack, serving the community as a volunteer firefighter. He will attend New Jersey Institute of Technology in the fall. We are very proud of both of these fine young people.

The WRC Charitable Trust once again gave a Birchwood Gift of \$1,000 to help underwrite The Rockland Symphony Orchestra's Young Peoples Concert. This year the trust also gave a Birchwood gift to an extremely talented young flute student, Cherie Knight, to help her purchase a fine quality flute to support her training. Her teacher, Stephanie Staren, said a student as talented as Cherie comes along once in 25 years.

Annual \$1,000 Birchwood Gifts were again also awarded to The Fresh Air Fund; Camp Becket, a YMCA camp in the Berkshire Mountains, MA; Boston College; The Valley Cottage Indians Youth Athletic Association; and Institute for Educational Achievement (a school for autistic children) in Bergen County, New Jersey.

This year new Birchwood gifts were made to the Summit Speech School, Summit, NJ for hearing impaired children; Bonnie Brae School for Boys, Nyack/Valley Cottage Little League; George School Annual Fund and The Natural History Museum of the Adirondacks, Tupper Lake, NY.

Each September we produce a *Concert of Remembrance, 9/11* for the community. This year's concert will be Sunday, September 12 at 5 p.m., Grace Episcopal Church, 130 First Avenue, Nyack, NY.

A violin concerto, "Lament and Restoration", has been written for Alison by Ron Wasserman, the principal bassist for New York City Ballet. We will give the US premier performance at this year's "Concert for Remembrance". Welles always wanted his mother to start playing her violin again! We have professionally recorded and produced a CD of the concerto that may be obtained by making a donation to Welles' Trust. Please see accompanying order form.

We traveled to Sant'Oreste, Italy where on May 30, Holy Mary of May festival day (a 200 year old tradition) a young peoples cultural and recreation center was dedicated to Welles and named after him. It was an amazing experience that honored Welles hugely. Alison gave the premier performance of the concerto there to great acclaim. There is much more to tell about Sant' Oreste, but another time!!

On another musical "note", a country western songwriter/vocalist, Stive Lenick, has composed a beautiful song called "One Red Bandanna". He recorded it in Nashville and will release the song nationally, probably toward the end of the summer. All proceeds from the sale of this song will go to Welles' Charitable Trust, so keep your ears open!

We, along with Michael Barch, one of Welles' great Nyack friends, attended a daylong workshop conducted by Mr. Patrick Morley, "The Man in the Mirror" who founded "The Fellowship of the Red Bandanna (www.redbandanna.org). It was amazing to witness the presentation and see 1500 men stand up together inspired by Welles' story.

Mr. Gary Holloman, youth minister of Westminster Presbyterian Church in Odessa, TX, led a youth "Synod", or retreat, for 400 high school students in Tulsa, OK this summer. He and the other leaders used Welles' story as the keynote theme for the entire week. Gary told us that the students were all deeply impacted and changed by Welles' example.

We continue to receive beautiful letters from friends of Welles who are teachers, their students, men's church groups and strangers from across the country who are deeply affected by Welles' story.

These are only some of the truly incredible stories that keep happening because of Welles. He is alive and well in spirit and changing many hearts.

The Annual Boston Beer Bash fund-raiser at Who's on First ? was attended by 500 people and raised \$10,000 last October! Fantastic !! Welles' friends through sponsored participation in marathons are also raising significant monies across the country. Contact Marielle Sack (marielle.sack@gs.com) or Jessica Alberti (albertijv@yahoo.com) if you want to join "The Red Bandanna Runners" in this year's NY Marathon! Nyack Varsity Ice Hockey Alumnae held their annual game to raise funds for Welles' trust again this year, as well ! **THANK YOU** for all of your fine efforts !!!

Fund-raising is critical for **The Welles Remy Crowther Charitable Trust** so that we can continue to support these fine programs annually and increase our level and range of support as well. The mission of the trust is to support the efforts of young people in their pursuit of excellence and also to assist organizations that are committed to the betterment and growth of young people.

If it is possible for you to make the trust a permanent recipient in your annual giving plans, we would be deeply appreciative. As time goes by, we learn of many more opportunities to make a significant difference in the lives of young people, not only through our monetary contribution, but also through the sharing Welles' story, which is enormously inspiring. We sincerely hope that you will join us as a permanent member of our family.

With many thanks for your past generosity, most sincerely,
Alison R. Crowther Jefferson H. Crowther Honor Crowther Fagan Thomas S. Weekley
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