

The Welles Remy Crowther Charitable Trust

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"The Man in the Red Bandanna"

A Civilian Hero of 9/11

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Dear Friends,

This year has been filled with very special events and growth for The Welles Remy Crowther Charitable Trust. This spring we created a Board of Advisors for the trust, recognizing friends of Welles from all parts of his life, who have been especially involved with the trust since its establishment. We welcome all heartily and know that their commitment and input will bring great strength and growth for the trust.

An important new fund-raiser has now been established in co-operation with Boston College's Volunteer and Service Learning Center, Dan Ponsetto, Director, and the fine efforts of Advisory Board members Jessica Alberti, Marielle Sack, Scott Dunn, James Gilroy, Ben Gird, John Howells, George Leuchs and John Scott.

The First Annual Welles Remy Crowther, BC '99, Red Bandanna 5k Run will be held on **Saturday, September 24, beginning by the Boston College Campus at 9 am.** This event promises to become a major fund-raiser for Welles' trust and we hope all of you will support this effort in some way. Spreading the word is a great way to help! Participants can also walk !!!!

On-line registration (\$25 per runner, \$ 20 for student or sr. citizen), donations and detailed information about the run can be obtained by visiting the website www.redbandannarun.com.

Corporate sponsors include Boston College, Gabelli Asset Management, Reebok, Coca Cola, Nestle, City Sports, New Balance, Citysides, Roggies, Eagles Deli, Flat Breads Café, Johnny's Luncheonette, Presto Pizza, Tete-a-Tete, White Mountain Creamery and Dunkin' Donuts. There will be refreshments and a wonderful time to be had by all. Thank you, in advance, for whatever support you can give.

The Trust gave the Fourth Annual Birchwood Award at Nyack High School this spring to two outstanding students, Fiona Stewart and Matthew Clark. Fiona, a member of Varsity Athletes Against Substance Abuse (VASSA), was All- League Soccer for 3 years and captain of her soccer, indoor track and softball teams her senior year. She is a member of the National and Science Honor Societies, and active in her church. Matthew Clark, a member of the National and French Honor Societies, played varsity lacrosse and ice hockey and volunteered as a mentor in a children's ice hockey program. He plans to pursue a degree in architecture.

Last fall we established a new scholarship program, "The Red Bandanna Scholarship" for the Rockland Conservatory of Music's 50th Anniversary. The scholarships will help defray the cost of music lessons for their most promising students. At the presentation of the first scholarship, we met the Beerman family, whose daughter, Hannah, 13, has now raised \$900 for Welles' trust through her Bat Mitzvah gifts and a "Snow Day" bake sale.

We made donations to several new charities, while maintaining our annual commitments to organizations already receiving gifts from the trust. Our recipients include Boston College, Rockland Symphony Orchestra, Fresh Air Fund, Camp Becket (YMCA), Institute for Educational Achievement, Summit Speech School, Bonnie Brae School, St. Jude's Hospital, Sri Lanka Disaster Relief Fund (for the Tsunami damage) Parkinson's Unity Walk, Dance Conservatory Performance Project, The Smile Train, St. Jude's Children's Research Hospital, Dana Farber Cancer Institute, Association to Benefit Children and GraceMusic. Additional programs are being considered for support.

Because of your continuing generosity and the vision and commitment of Welles' friends who organize fundraisers, we are able to continue and expand our charitable work in Welles' memory. Thank you so very much.

The Fourth Annual Concert for Remembrance, 9/11 will be held on Sunday, Sept 18th, 5 PM

at Grace Episcopal Church, 130 First Avenue, Nyack, NY. The orchestra is composed of professional musicians from the major New York/New Jersey area orchestras who all volunteer their time for this special event. There is no charge for admission and the public is invited. Both the orchestra and the audience grow every year. We hope you will be able to attend.

This year another very special gift of art was created in Welles' memory. Margo Sappington, world-renowned choreographer, created the "Red Bandanna" ballet for Valentina Kozlova, former principal dancer of the Bolshoi Theatre and New York City Ballet. Ms. Sappington choreographed the ballet to "Lament and Restoration", the violin concerto that was composed for me last spring by Ron Wasserman, principal bassist of New York City Ballet. The ballet premiered on May 21 at Symphony Space in New York City to great acclaim. There is now some discussion about bringing "Red Bandanna" to Rome, Italy next March in conjunction with the opening of an extraordinary exhibition of paintings on tour by Spanish artist, Sofia Gandarias; her artistic response to 9/11. We are very grateful to Bentley Roton, Gregory Cary and Kaatsbaan International Dance Center, Tivoli, NY for offering their beautiful studios as rehearsal space for the ballet and promoting the premiere with prominent announcements in their own special event programs. For more information, please visit www.kaatsbaan.org.

We continue to offer the CD to raise \$\$ for Welles' charitable trust and other deserving not-for-profit organizations. If you know of an organization that would like to raise \$\$ by distributing our CD, please contact us at crowthertrust@aol.com. If you wish to obtain CDs for your collection or a gift, please use form below.

Last November, Marielle Sack ran in the New York Marathon, and raised over \$2,000 plus \$ 650 at an "After Party" at Metro 53 organized by Jessica Alberti and Marielle ! Do you want to join or support our Red Bandanna Runners ? Please visit www.redbandannarun.com.

Students at The Masters School, Dobbs Ferry, NY raised \$ 550 for Welles' trust after attending a school assembly where Welles' story was told. Jill and Michael Barch made a generous donation to the trust in lieu of favors at their wedding and Michael's sister, Kate, raised \$\$ at her Nyack High School 10th Reunion. This spring, Marielle and Jessica organized a great fund-raising gathering at "17", a trendy club in Manhattan. Thank you to all who attended, many of whom came down from Boston, and supported this evening. It was a successful benefit for the trust and much fun for all. Welles' team won "The Crowther Cup IV" golf tournament at Redtail again this year. Welles' gentlemen friends from BC who participate in the annual tournament contributed \$ 1,700 to the Trust !

National Geographic included Welles' story in their 2 part, 4 hour documentary series "Inside 9/11" that aired August 21st and 22nd on the National Geographic Channel on cable or satellite TV. Part of Welles' story was told in Episode 2 with Ling Young. It is an excellent, powerful production and important for all to see.

As ever, we thank you all for your continuing interest and support of Welles' charitable trust. We wish we could share all of the news of the trust's generous supporters. Welles' story continues to spread and inspire hearts of all ages wherever it is told. God Bless you all for your kindness and generosity.

Warmly, Alison and Jefferson Crowther

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