

A Year to Reflect on Sacrifice, Solitude and Gratitude....

Dear Friends of the MLMF,

It is almost unimaginable that this fall will mark the 15th Anniversary of the September 11th attacks and the loss of my son, Firefighter Michael F. Lynch. Michael's future was bright as he was about to be married and start a family of his own. Yet he gave his life bravely, in sacrifice, as he attempted to save others. My sorrow is deep and remains with me every day. Yet I am deeply grateful that with your support, this Foundation honors Michael's decision and his memory through the wonderful young women and men that receive this scholarship.

Over the years, so many people from all walks of life have joined us in our quest to create "A Vision to Build a Future." This year, the Foundation wishes to invite our sponsors, supporters and friends to join us in *A Year To Reflect on Sacrifice, Solitude and Gratitude*. In lieu of this year's dinner, we will reflect on:

- *Sacrifice*: The sacrifice of the men, women and children who lost their lives that fateful September day. The selflessness of the first responders and the courage of everyday citizens.
- *Solitude*: In lieu of the dinner, we ask that every friend of the Foundation spend the evening of Monday, March 21st in reflection, remembering those lost and for those who continue to serve in our armed forces as they continue to fight the affliction of terror. This date has been chosen as this is the anniversary date of the recovery of the remains of Michael Lynch, the namesake of this Foundation.
- *Gratitude*: To spend some time reflecting upon how grateful we are for the first responders who serve us today and that we, in gratitude for their service and commitment to this city, continue to provide a bright future for them through access to a higher education.

This year, as a special remembrance, we invite you to participate in an effort that will enable us to apply 100% of your annual contribution to scholarships. In the next few weeks, you will receive a package in the mail from the Foundation. Our request is simply that all sponsors and friends consider giving a similar or even greater gift than you have in the past so that we may continue the wonderful work of this foundation. We invite you to participate by mailing in your gift or giving online by clicking on the link below to participate.

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On behalf of our Board, the recipients and all the families that have benefited from your support, we thank you for providing 100% of your support to scholarships this year!

Gratefully,

KATHLEEN V. LYNCH

President

MICHAEL LYNCH MEMORIAL FOUNDATION.