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Dear Friend,

Our tradition is to announce Kevin's scholarships for the upcoming year in November, a time traditionally associated with remembrance, thanksgiving, and gratitude. During this time we are reminded to share our gifts, express our appreciation, and remember those living and those going before us who have enriched our lives.

With these thoughts in mind, we express our gratitude for your faithful connection to Kevin's Fund and to our family, for the special and generous ways you have furthered Kevin's spirit, legacy, and memory. Our gratitude is not restricted to this time of the year; it is something we hold dear every day as you impact the lives of our family and the hundreds of scholarship recipients in memory of Kevin, and for that we remain eternally grateful.

We are honored to represent you by announcing Kevin's Fund will support 17 scholarships in 2025, totaling \$187,000, raising the value of scholarships awarded since the inception of the Fund to almost \$3.1 million. The 2025 awards represent an increase of four scholarships and \$22,500 from 2024. Kevin's premier scholarship, for the most outstanding senior in the Norwalk High Scholarship, will be \$130,000, an increase of \$10,000 from last year. Details of Kevin's 2025 scholarships follow this letter.

The success of Kevin's Fund results from your compassion and commitment to honor Kevin by promoting his legacy which touches the lives of each scholarship recipient and their family. By supporting our mission to recognize accomplishments across the spectrum of academic excellence, achievements in athletics, the arts, and involvement in community and religious service, you continue to provide extraordinary opportunities to the recipients of Kevin's scholarships. Furthermore, these opportunities pay it forward to our community, our family, and each donor. They are a tribute to the generosity and goodness of the human spirit whose ripple effects through these scholarships have become unimaginable.

You have made the extraordinary achievements of Kevin's Fund possible and kept Kevin's memory uniquely present for the past 28 years. For this our family stand in awe, admiration, and always, deep gratitude.

On August 15th thanks to the efforts of Jason and Bridget Twedt, Kevin's Fund was the beneficiary of the Don Carmelo's inaugural 5K run. Over 200 supported the event sponsored by Don Carmelo's of Norwalk, High Road Physical Therapy of Norwalk, Fleet Feet of Westport, Vital Stretch of Norwalk, TAP Strength of Westport, and Don Julio. With the proceeds from the event, Kevin's Fund established a new scholarship for a Norwalk High School senior with financial need who is active in athletics and community service. The 2025 scholarship will be in the amount of \$2,000.

We are pleased to announce the City of Norwalk renewed their grant in support of Kevin's Norwalk Community Service Scholarship. This scholarship is available to seniors at all four of the city's high schools. The award for the recipient remains at \$5,000 but each school's finalist will receive a \$1,000 achievement scholarship.

We continue to honor the confidence you have placed in us in fulfilling our fiduciary responsibilities, by dedicating 99.5% of contributions to fund scholarships. This success is due in large part by our in-kind contributors, both during the year and at our Scholarship Presentation and Benefit Dinner Dance: Bruce's Flowers, Destiny Band, Yvonne Marchese Photography, A Piece of Cake by Michelle, Joe Liberatore Trophies and Awards, and Parish Associates. These businesses have, by their generosity, minimized the financial burden of the administration of the Fund.

It is a tribute to what Kevin accomplished in his life that so many are dedicated to perpetuating his memory. Equally significant, Kevin's Fund continues to influence the lives of 252 extraordinary young men and women in college, business, government, medicine, science, technology, the arts, and education.

On April 5, 2025, we will present the 29th Norwalk High School Scholarship in the amount of \$130,000. This marks 20 consecutive years the recipient of this scholarship will receive at least \$100,000.

Information regarding the 2025 Norwalk High School Scholarship Presentation and Benefit Dinner Dance, to be held at The Waters Edge at Giovanni's in Darien, CT, will be sent in late January. Hopefully, you will be able to join us in remembering Kevin in a special way as we celebrate his life and perpetuate his spirit and memory through gifts of education.

For additional Fund information please refer to our website using the QR code below or typing www.KevinsFund.org in a web browser.



May all the blessings life affords be yours in abundance every day of the year. Thank you for being an integral part of this amazing and meaningful journey to pass it on and pay it forward in Kevin's memory.

Sincerely,

Chris

Christian H. Eidt,
Director

Kevin's Fund's 2025 Scholarship Commitments

The Fund's Board of Directors approved awarding 17 scholarships totaling \$187,000 for 2025. The scholarships are:

- \$130,000 ~ Norwalk High School scholarship (Note 1)
- \$15,000 ~ Boston College Emergency Medical Services scholarship
- \$10,000 ~ Boston College Carroll School of Management scholarship (Note 2)
- \$8,000 ~ Norwalk Community Service scholarships (Note 3)
- \$5,000 ~ Norwalk High School Marching Band outstanding member scholarship
- \$3,000 ~ Norwalk High School Distinguished Student Speaker scholarship (Note 1)
- \$2,000 ~ Boston College Emerging Leader Program scholarship
- \$2,000 ~ Norwalk High School – Boston College scholarship (Note 4)
- \$2,000 ~ Norwalk High School Jazz scholarship
- \$2,000 ~ Norwalk High School Orchestra scholarship
- \$2,000 ~ Norwalk High School Student-Athlete scholarship
- \$2,000 ~ Norwalk High School Marching Band highest NHS GPA scholarship (Note 1)
- \$2,000 ~ Norwalk High School Marching Band highest P-TECH GPA scholarship
- \$2,000 ~ Norwalk High School Achievement Scholarship (Notes 1 and 5)

Note 1 - Scholarship not available to P-TECH students at Norwalk High School. P-TECH is a partnership between Norwalk High School, (NHS), and CT State Community College Norwalk, formerly Norwalk Community College, with its own grading system and honor society. Students take classes both at both sites and are able to participate in all NHS athletic and arts activities.

Note 2 - Final scholarship amount to be awarded will be incremented by donations made directly to Kevin's Fund at Boston College. The 2025 award amount will be determined in the spring.

Note 3 - Recipient receives \$5,000 and the three finalist receive \$1,000 each.

Note 4 - Kevin's Fund offers a \$2,000 scholarship, (Kevin being in the BC Class of 2000), to each NHS senior who matriculates at Boston College in the fall of 2025.

Note 5 - New scholarship in 2025 being awarded to a student with financial need active in athletics and community service)

The Kevin M. Eidt Memorial Scholarship Fund, a 501(c)(3) publicly supported charitable organization, was established in honor of the exemplary achievements of Kevin, who died from cardiac arrest during his freshman year at Boston College. The Fund recognizes outstanding achievement in academics, athletics, arts, and community and religious commitment.