

NDP Service Award

Mia began her journey to help others at a young age. During her four years at Notre Dame Preparatory School, her giving spirit was shaped and nurtured by the people she met there. To celebrate Mia's life, the faculty at Notre Dame instituted an award that is given to a young woman each year from the senior class who most exemplifies Mia – an ordinary young woman who lives her life in an extraordinary way.

This year, the recipient of the *Mia Sutphin Service Award* was Becky Kavoussi. One of her teacher's at Notre Dame, Ben Gruswitz, described Becky as a "service star" during her high school tenure, as well as a "stupendous counselor" at Camp Umoja – a summer camp for inner city children hosted by Notre Dame. According to Mr. Gruswitz, Becky was also deeply affected by a Notre Dame service trip to El Salvador and is determined to return during or after college. She joins previous winners of Mia's service award: Katie Frederick (2003), Erin Diehl (2004) and Mandy Basso (2005).

Becky Kavoussi is currently a freshman at University of Maryland at College Park and is considering a major in political science.

Foundation Identity

After several years of operations, the board decided MSF was ready to enter a new phase, and looked to create an official identity logo. The communications committee reviewed several potential

designers before selecting Jonathan Bruns of Method One Design, in Silver Spring, Maryland.

Bruns spent a great deal of time getting to know Mia's life and the organization before starting any work. After several rounds of reviewing concepts, giving feedback and refining choices, the board selected the winning logo (displayed on the first page of this newsletter). "This image of the caregiver lending a helping hand to a child really captures what we do" said Mary Carole Jorgensen of the communications committee. "But the butterfly looking on overhead captures who we are. An organization blessed and guided by Mia's special spirit." The deep red and sunset yellow colors were chosen because they were favorites of Mia's. In August, we launched our new name and logo, omitting "Memorial" as we now embrace the future. Over the next several months, MSF will be transitioning all communication pieces to reflect the new logo.

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Four board sub-committees operate to handle foundation distributions, fundraising, communications and finance. Interest in attending a meeting, joining a sub-committee or the board should be directed towards Michael Sutphin (Michael@miasutphinmf.org), 9095 Furrow Avenue, Ellicott City, MD 21042. More information on MSF is available at www.miasutphinmf.org.



Sutphin's with Becky Kavoussi of NDP, 2006 Mia Sutphin Service Award Winner



The Mia Sutphin Foundation (MSF) is dedicated to supporting programs that benefit children in need and their families throughout the world.

Year in Review

As we reflect on 2006, we continue to be heartened by the generosity and willingness of others to help those in need. We held three very successful events, increased our funds raised over that of prior years and even changed our name to reflect our more forward-looking perspective. MSF is closing in on nearly five years of existence, and we are incredibly thankful for the help that we have received in getting to where we are. We have been able to increase both the number and dollar amount of our grants each year, a trend that we are energized to continue. As we look to the future, we will be taking a closer look at our next 5 year plan, and are considering adding new members to our already talented and dedicated 14 member board of directors.

As we close another successful year of fundraising, we would also like to update you that we have achieved almost 20% of our endowment funding goal.

This is one of our key long-term objectives and achieving it will allow MSF to become a dependable source of annual support for charitable organizations serving children in need.

With deepest sincerity, we thank you for your consistent support and hope that you have a healthy and peaceful holiday season!

Distributions

We continue to try to shape our identity through the organizations with which we choose to support. Making meaningful, well-thought grant decisions is a key responsibility of the board of directors. Broadly, we seek to support organizations in line with our mission locally in Maryland, in the larger United States, and globally in those areas struggling with human suffering or natural catastrophe. In addition, we seek to support individuals, working through a charity that is on the front lines of caring for those in need. We hope to solidify

relationships with organizations that have received past MSF grants, as well as build new relationships as we continue to seek out those programs that are emerging as fulfilling a critical or unique, sustainable role in caring for others.

During our fiscal year ended May 2006, the MSF board approved eight grants totaling \$9,750, four of which are to previous recipients.



MSF grant recipient, Nicole Yaris with child in Ecuador

Chara House, AIDS Interfaith Residential Services (AIRS) and Notre Dame Preparatory's Camp Umoja are three Maryland-based organizations receiving our funding.

- **Chara House** is a community-based transitional home for infants and toddlers from birth to four years of age. The children that reside in the house have medical and developmental challenges such as prenatal drug exposure and HIV/AIDS. The Chara House staff provides a nurturing and therapeutic home-like environment that serves to stabilize and enhance the lives of the children.

- Established in 1987, **AIRS** seeks to provide residential services and a continuum of quality care and support that enhance the lives of low-income individuals and families living with and at risk of HIV/AIDS. The MSF grant was made to help subsidize the development of a long-term supportive housing program for 28 homeless youth and young adults, which has been progressing well to date.

- **Camp Umoja** provides a summer recreational and tutoring camp for Baltimore inner-city children between the ages of six and eleven. The camp has offered sessions for four weeks

every summer since 1985, providing 100 youngsters each year with a positive, safe, fun-filled summer day camp experience.

Globally, Nyumbani, Pamoja Child Trust (PCT) and African Medical & Research Foundation (AMREF) received distributions.

- The relationship with **Nyumbani** has been important to maintain due to Mia's strong ties of service to the orphanage during her life. Nyumbani is a Kenyan orphanage founded in response to the HIV/AIDS pandemic in Africa. The recent passing of Fr. Angelo D'Agostino at the age of 80, founder of Nyumbani with whom Mia worked directly, gained international exposure on networks including CNN, because of the tremendously positive impact Nyumbani is having in Kenya.



Fr. D'Agostino at Nyumbani

- **PCT**, also a 2004 recipient of an MSF grant, continues to rehabilitate and

educate street boys and disadvantaged children in Dagoretti, Kenya. Pamoja has helped over 100 children return to school or technical training. Currently, 25 boys are active in the program.

- **AMREF** strives to improve the health of disadvantaged people in Africa as a means for them to escape poverty and improve the quality of their lives. The AMREF mission is achieved by implementing models for improving health and reducing poverty. This reputable, well known organization is one that we are proud to provide aid.

- **Nicole Yaris** received an MSF grant through Catholic Medical Mission Board for her *Pedi Habilidad* program. Nicole has been performing very meaningful out-patient rehabilitation and physical therapy work at Tena Hospital in Ecuador for children suffering from multiple limb fractures, tuberculosis, undiagnosed cerebral palsy, as well as other ailments. The program is the only one of its kind in this region of the country that specifically targets children, and offers families hope and assistance in managing their child's disability.

- As mentioned in the prior year newsletter, the **American Red**

Cross received an MSF grant in August 2005 to support Hurricane Katrina victims.

We are encouraged and eager to continue helping such worthy organizations, and hope to increase our level of aid in future years.

Special Events

On Saturday, May 20th, seventeen families combined efforts in Ellicott City for the 4th Annual Benefit Yard & Bake Sale. This fun, family-oriented event generated over \$2,000 in contributions from the sale of home-baked goods, household items, and hand-decorated coin banks. Highlights included Mary Carole Jorgensen's home baked miniature bundt cakes, which sold like hotcakes. The Hebner girls and their friends were also on hand to create special order coin banks and angel magnets, attracting customers with a sign painstakingly lettered by 5 year old Lucy Hebner. This annual event has raised more than \$8,000 in four years, and has been a great way to come together and remove a little household clutter at the same time.

On June 7th, friends and family celebrated *Music for Mia* at Mangia's Italian Grill in Ellicott City for the second year in a row. The Notations donated their musical talents for the evening, playing to a packed house. In addition, Mia's



Sr. Marian, Colby Snyder, Julie Snyder and Sr. Catherine (from left to right) at Walk in the Woods Event at Trinity in September

nieces, Lucy and Anna Hebner, aged 5 and 3 respectively, used their persuasive talents to sell glass coin-banks that they hand-decorated. These creative girls came up with the idea as a small way to help, raising more than \$1,600 to date for the foundation!

On September 16th many brought their spirit of celebration to the 4th Annual Benefit Auction, *Walk in the Woods*, gratuitously hosted by Trinity School in Ellicott City for the second year in a row. Weather that morning looked questionable, but by the time mass concluded, the sun was streaking through the clouds adding a special touch to the evening. The auction was sensational, with a wide array of auction items and an overflowing raffle table. An added bonus was the "live

auction," which sparked a few friendly bidding wars. A highlight of the event was a touching video on the work of AIRS, followed by words from Leslie Leitch, the executive director. Leslie stressed the importance of grants to the success of AIRS, several of which have been made by MSF. She shared uplifting stories of residents that have overcome great obstacles with the help of AIRS. Energy was high as people were caught up in the fun and camaraderie, helping to raise almost \$39,000 for the event.

Once dates for 2007 events are established, they will be posted on our website, www.miasutphinmf.org, followed up by communications in the mail.