



New Hampshire Gold Star Mothers

Memorial Association

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Purpose

On the occasion of the first newsletter by the New Hampshire Gold Star Mothers Memorial Association; the members of the committee thank you for your support and donations.

It is our intent to update each donor, sponsor and interested citizens on the status of dedicating a statue to honor the Gold Star Mothers of New Hampshire. The newsletter will be published Bi-Monthly to provide information on the project and future events. If you determine you are on either the mailing or E-Mail list by mistake or wish to be removed please advise us by:

Mail at NHGSMMA, P.O.Box 10455, Bedford, NH
03110-0455.

Phone at (603) 714-1091 or

E-mail at gsrrho@aol.com.

Project Status:

We have reached 15% of our \$150,000 goal. Please note that the committee has changed the project's fiscal object from \$250,000.00 to \$150,000.00. Why? After reviewing project costs we determined that \$150,000 was the amount needed to have the statue cast, develop Stanton Plaza, conduct a dedication ceremony and provide for the statue's future maintenance. The committee also determined it was in everyone's best interest to advise donors, sponsors, and friends of this change.

Events

Several events are being planned to help the project reach its goal of dedicating a statue to honor New Hampshire's Gold Star Mothers.

Event Number 1:

May 9, 2008, with the help of the Manchester Fisher Cats Baseball Team and Mr. Singer of Merchant Motors we will hold an Armed Forces Appreciation and a "Tribute To NH Gold Star Mothers Night." Tickets are available at \$8.00 each and may be purchased by calling (603) 606-3342 and asking for Shelby. Following activities are being planned:

1. Pregame USAF Fly Over as scheduled.
2. A special pregame autograph signing session for selected NHGSMMA ticket holders.
3. Circle the park motorcycle rally prior to game time. Veteran Motorcycle groups will be invited to circle the ball field on the warning track. The veteran motorcycle group that purchases or sells the most NHGSMMA game tickets will have the honor of leading the parade. .
4. Massing of the color and color guard for the National Anthem. Active Duty military units and NH Veteran Organization will be invited to have its color guard participate in the pregame ceremony honoring America. The Veteran Organization that purchases or sells the most NHGSMMA game tickets will have its colors front and centered during the opening ceremony.
5. A Gold Star Mother has accepted the invitation to throw out the games first ball. The lead motorcycle group will have the honor of escorting the Gold Star Mother to the pitchers mound. .
6. All participating groups will have their names on the center field score board and announced on the public address system.

7. To make this fund raising event successful we are asking individuals and groups to assist as follows:
 - a. Purchase their game tickets prior to 1 May 2008 by calling (603) 606-3342 or filling the attached form and sending it with your payment to: NHGSMMA, PO Box 10455, Bedford, NH 03110-4022
 - b. Volunteers are needed to assist in manning the concession stand, selling 50/50 raffle tickets adjacent to the area of our game tickets. Please call (603) 714-1091.

Event number 2:

A Ground Breaking Ceremony is scheduled for March 30, 2008 at Stanton Plaza, Elm Street Manchester.

1. In keeping with NH RSA 4:13-h a ground breaking ceremony is planned for Sunday, March 30, 2008, New Hampshire's Gold Star Mothers Day. This event will initiate the physical aspects of the project. Veteran Organization, members of the New Hampshire National Guard and Reserve Units will be invited to attend the 1:00 p.m. the ground breaking ceremony.
2. Attending the ceremony will be Gold Star Mothers of New Hampshire, a representative of the National Gold Star Mothers Association and the statue's sculptor, Andrew Chernak.

More Events are being planned and will be announced in the next newsletter

Special Recognition

Please Note the changes on our web page. All doors are listed as "Friends." The "Friends" listing is being modified to "Donors" to enable us to list each donor relative to their donation level.

Level I: "Friends" donations up to \$1,000.00 will receive a NHGSMMA thank you letter, listed on the web-page.

Level II: "Red" donations \$1,000.00 to \$5,000.00 in addition to the NHGSMMA thank

you letter, listed on the web-page and future event literature will receive a framed certificate.

Level III "White" donations \$5,001.00 to \$10,000.00 in addition to the NHGSMMA thank you letter, listed on the web-page and future event literature will receive an etched glass display of the NHGSMMA logo.

Level IV "Blue" donations \$10,001.00 to \$20,000.00 in addition to the NHGSMMA thank you letter, listed on the web-page and future event literature will have their name placed on one of the granite posts at the statue site.

Level V "Gold" donations above \$20,000.00 in addition to the NHGSMMA thank you letter, listed on the web-page and future event literature and as space allows will have their name engraved on one of the park's granite benches at the statue site.

Memorial Walk. There will be a "Memorial Walk" leading from the plaza entrance to the base of the statue. For a special donation of \$150.00 you can have a brick engraved with that special person's name and information as a lasting memorial.

Please contact a member of the committee if you are interested in donating an engraved brick in the "Memorial Walk."

Future editions of the NHGSMMA newsletter will be available at our web site

www.nhgoldstarmothersmemorial.org.

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