

The 10th Anniversary of 9/11/11

The town came together at the Keane Foundation's Family Picnic on September 11, 2011, to mark the somber Anniversary. Led by Congressman John Larson, Mayor Donna Hemmann and WFSB's Denise D'Ascenzo, the Police and Fire Departments, Sacred Heart Church Choir and the USAF Band of Liberty, all were moved by song, speeches, prayer and a beautiful candle lighting. The evening ended with the beauty of the Fire Department's American Flag being drawn up at sunset.

Again this year, the USAF Band played for us just prior to their redeployment to the Middle East. Based at Hanscom Field in Mas-



USAF band member instructs a young fan

sachusetts, and scheduled for training and departure shortly after the anniversary, band members all said that Wethersfield is their favorite venue. They love the small town feel of the Broad Street Green, and the enthusiasm and warmth of those in the audience. The number of people attending has grown each year, with this year's marking of the Anniversary the largest crowd.

Children were entertained with music and a special art project



Denise D'Ascenzo assisting some of the young artists in the art project this year



Photo by Mark Trahan

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to honor the USAF Band. Each table of children was asked to draw a poster for an individual band member, and the poster was presented to that appreciative band member.

Keane Foundation to Air Condition Sports Center

The Keane Foundation approached the Town Council at their meeting on January 3 with the offer of a monetary grant to install an Air Conditioning Unit at the Gymnasium of the 9/11 Memorial Sports Center part of the Pitkin Community Center. Judy Keane, President of the Richard M. Keane Foundation and Kathy Bagley of the Parks and Recreation Department presented information that supported the need for Air Conditioning in the gym.

Mrs. Keane told the Council Members that during the summer months the gym is an integral part of the town's summer camps, and at times the temperature in the gym could be dangerous, were it not for staff ensuring that campers are well hydrated and monitored. The Air Conditioning will make the Gym (the only room in the Sports Center that does not currently have air conditioning) usable during the warm months of summer, including league and team play in the evening hours as well as for private rental (birthday parties, family reunions, etc) that can be a source of revenue for the town.

The 9/11 Sports Center Gymnasium will be the only Gym in the Town of Wethersfield that will have Air Conditioning. The Town Council voted unanimously to accept the donation.

Storm Alfred Shelter

The 9/11 Memorial Sports Center became an important part of the Community Shelter after the October Snowstorm when so many town residents were without power or heat for so many days. The shower had a long sign-up sheet, especially for those who needed to shower before going to work. The fitness room allowed for exercise to erase anxiety and boredom, and the Gym provided playtime for younger children who were also temporary residents of the Community Shelter.

Many thanks to the Town Employees who jumped right in to provide safe housing, recreation and nutrition for so many, and to ensure that town residents were well cared for during the emergency.

KEANE 5K WALK/RUN

The Annual Keane Foundation 5K will be held June 3, 2012 at 11:00 am, from Standish Park near Hanmer



School and the DMV in Wethersfield. Registration will be 9:30-10:30 AM in the Hanmer Gym.

This is a wonderful fun family event for all...babies and toddlers in strollers and older kids, parents and seniors running and walking. The certified, flat track course begins at Stillman Field and follows Garden Street, taking the runners through beautiful Old Wethersfield, circling the Broad Street Green and back to Standish Park. The Middle School competition will continue with a special trophy presented to the best overall team.

Pre-Registration is \$10 (post-marked by May 30, 2012). Race Day Registration is \$15. Children 10 and under are \$5. Checks can be mailed to Keane Foundation 5k Walk/Run, 16 State Street, Wethersfield, CT 06109. Visit www.keanefoundation.org for more information and a registration form. For volunteer opportunities, call 563-6762 or 563-3387.

KEANE FOUNDATION/ UNICO GOLF TOURNAMENT

The 10th Annual Keane Foundation/UNICO Golf Tournament will be held on May 7th at Wethersfield Country Club for the 2nd year... we are thrilled to be playing back there again! Last year, the course was in great shape and it was a day filled with laughter, fun and great golf! Once again, UNICO will be serving their famous lunch to start the day.

Last year the tournament was sold out, so early registration is encouraged. For brochure or information, please call Tony Santucci at (860)529-5687. Sponsorship for this golf tournament will be recognized in advertising on the golf course and in other publicity. We are currently seeking tournament sponsors at all levels.

For more information, please call **Tony Santucci at (860)529-5687 or Judy Keane at (860)563-3387**. Mark the date in your calendar and flyers will be available soon!!

Give a portion of your **United Way** donation to help support the **Keane Foundation!**

It's Simple! Just write in **"Keane Foundation"** or in the **Hartford Area** Use Code **#AG0831**

Visit www.keanefoundation.org or contact your HR Department for more information.

Thanks to those who already give!!!

