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Founders' Scholarship 2016

LCWF's Annual Founders' Scholarship is given each year in recognition of a distinguished supporter of the LCWF mission. In honoring a supporter each year, LCWF acknowledges the supporter's own accomplishments within his/her profession, community or family.

This year, we are honoring three of our supporters: Jan Leary, Pat Barry and Gerry Finn, all former Board Members of Lost Coin Women's Fund.



JAN LEARY, PAT BARRY, GERRY FINN

These three women have been involved with Lost Coin from the beginning. They were part of the first Board of Directors and continue to support Lost Coin to this day. A little bit about each former board member follows.

Pat Barry was raised in the Bronx by her parents who valued education above all else. Even though the cost was high at the time for their particular income, they both worked hard to

ensure that she and her sisters had the opportunity to go to college. Therefore one could say, it was no surprise when Pat became a teacher herself.

After many years of teaching, she came to realize as someone once said, that her role was "to be a bridge over which she could invite students, both young and old (she taught at the elementary and college level) to cross, then having facilitated their crossing, joyfully collapse, encouraging them to create their

own bridge." Pat saw this as an honor, especially when she worked at the college level assisting women who were attending college for the first time and in some cases were the first in their family to attend college.

Gerry Finn was a director of occupational therapy and rehabilitation before she retired in 1992. Through her association with Mass Women Church, she met Marie Sheehan, Jan Leary, Dot-

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A NEW LOOK!!

With great care and deliberation, we have updated our logo! Much thanks to Megan Riley, who is a graphic designer at Tank Design in Cambridge. Megan is the daughter of Nancy Conceison Riley and the granddaughter of Dorothy Conceison, one of the three co-founders of Lost Coin Women's Fund. Megan will be updating our website in the near future as well as our stationary. All of Megan's services are a donation to the organization that she has seen her mother and grandmother work diligently toward providing grants to low-income women. Thanks, Megan, for a job well done!

Celebration, Silent Auction and Thank You!

Last December, LCWF held a Thank You celebration along with a silent auction at Steel & Rye in Milton. At the celebration, we heard from our Founders' Scholarship recipient, Bianca Gomez, who expressed her thanks to Lost Coin and explained to those present how the grant that she received helped her get closer to her educational goal.



BIANCA GOMEZ

While the guests enjoyed light refreshments, they leisurely looked over the silent auction items which included a New England Patriots football signed by Rob Gronkowski, a Boston Celtics basketball signed by Tommy Heinsohn, a round of golf for four at Wellesley Golf club, Fitness

memberships, Floral arrangements, matted photographs, Lenox, crystal, many gift baskets full of hand-made scarfs, wine, Paper Store gifts, Italian specialties and chocolate. There were over 30 quality items to bid on throughout the afternoon. The day allowed for some early holiday shopping!



NANCY CONCEISON RILEY & KARA CONCEISON McMAHON AT ONE OF THE SILENT AUCTION TABLES.

Save the date for our next Celebration on **Sunday, December 4, 2016 from 1-3 pm at Steel & Rye, Milton.**

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I NEED A NOTE
OR SOMETHING
TO GO HERE???

“NEVER DOUBT
THAT A SMALL
GROUP OF PEOPLE
CAN CHANGE THE
WORLD –
IT IS THE ONLY
THING THAT
EVER HAS.”
MARGARET MEAD

Founders' Scholarship 2016 *Continued*

tie Conceison and Barbara Mahr. It was there that Gerry learned about Lost Coin Women's Fund. When Marie Sheehan called and asked her to become a member, Gerry was thrilled and quickly realized that her skills as an administrator came into play in her efforts to organize the mailing list among others tasks on the Board.

Jan Leary has an extensive resume. Jan has a Doctorate of Philosophy from Boston College and has many years of teaching experience at Framingham State University, Mass Bay Community College, Regis College and Emmanuel College, among others. Currently, Jan's endeavor is Peace for Palestine, West of Boston, which she began in 2002. The purpose is to focus and educate about the issues, especially the amount of taxpayer money to Israel. This group meets monthly at her home. Jan is also co-founder of New England Network for Justice for Palestine, which was founded in 2014. Jan became involved

with Lost Coin Women's Fund when she met Marie Sheehan, Dottie Conceison and Barbara Mahr through Mass Women Church.

This year's recipient of the Founders' Scholarship is Kely Alves. Kely resides with her grandmother and is originally from Cape Verde. She has been in the United States for two and a half years where she has studied Business Administration at Massasoit Community College. Kely has worked very hard in her studies and completed her associate's degree this year. She is continuing her education at Bentley University, working toward her Bachelor's degree. Kely is a diligent worker, always holding a high average. She has a forthright, respectful manner and a sunny nature. It is with great confidence and happiness that we award Kely Alves the Founders' Scholarship.

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Thank You Messages from our Awardees

Joan G. writes: I am looking forward to returning to school. Without the LCWF grant, I would not have had this opportunity. Please thank everyone for their generous support. Once again, thank you for making this work.

Deanna J. writes: Thank you again for this gift towards my education to becoming a nurse. With my degree, I will be able to assist many people with their medical and emotional needs. Thank you again

Slande D. writes: This grant will be a great help

to me and my family in the sense that I would have to worry about a lesser amount to pay to my school where I don't even have the possibility to afford it already. I thank everyone in the committee for approving this grant to me.

Jennifer Q. writes: This grant will allow me to finish my medical assistant certificate and complete my externship. I will then be able to gain employment and provide for my children and myself and get off of cash assistance. Thank you very much.

Interested in joining our team?

The LCWF Board of Directors meet on the first Wednesday of the month from 4:30 – 6:30 p.m. at Cunningham Park Hall in Milton. Feel free to join us at any time if you are interested in becoming involved!

For more information about Lost Coin Women's Fund, visit us online at www.LostCoinWomensFund.org or email us at LostCoinWFinc@gmail.com. Like us on Facebook!



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