

Donations/Contributions:

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www.ap-foundation.org

ANTHONY PICARELLO FOUNDATION
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We ask that you help us give hope to those dealing with chronic illness/transplantation. Your generosity is greatly appreciated. Any donation that you can make to the Foundation will help us reach our goals.

Together we can make a difference!

Other ways to give:

1. Annual April Event at Suffolk Downs (\$50.00 per person)
2. The Annual Golf for the Gift of Life Tournament & Luncheon
 3. Memorial Gifts
4. A.P.F. Annual Membership (starting 11/07)

Thank you for your support!

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How you can help give the gift of life.



Mindy Brown & Rudy Ramos are the happy parents of Kai Ramos, a four year old child that had problems with his kidney from birth. After three years of operations and hospital stays he had his transplant in 2004 and started school in the fall of this year.



Sarah Saben is the youngest child of Jean and Michael Saben. Sarah was diagnosed with biliary atresia at one month of age. Because the Sabens don't live here in Boston, Jean had to live here, away from her other family members, for a few months. After delays in the surgeries Sarah had her liver transplant in the summer of 2004. Sarah has been doing very well in her recuperation.



Robert Pesce (shown with APF Founder, Ruth Picarello) had a liver and kidney transplant in August of 2003. Mr. Pesce had been out of work for three years prior to his transplant. His request was for housing when he was able to leave the hospital.

Our Mission:

The Anthony Picarello Foundation is a non-profit organization dedicated to serving the financial needs of families coping with pre and post transplantation, the prevention and treatment of liver disease, as well as promoting public awareness of organ and tissue transplantation through research and education. Our goal is to be a support service for families while they await a life-saving transplant, and a resource for the local medical community. The Foundation is dedicated to educating and exposing the organ donation and transplant process to as many people as possible.

♥ Overview of Foundation:



The Picarello Family

The "Peace of Mind Fund" was created to provide financial assistance to qualified individuals and their families who are awaiting a lifesaving transplant and experiencing financial distress. This fund is the first of its kind. Since 2000, the Anthony Picarello Foundation has raised over \$350,000 and in turn has provided over 135 families in need of financial assistance. From 2006-2007, the Foundation has provided an

overwhelming 85 families with financial assistance. During the past two years, the demand for assistance has grown immensely. The Foundation relies solely on donations. Approximately 60% of all donations raised are given directly to families in need, with the other 40% covering the Foundation's operating costs. Transplantation is lifesaving. However, it is also extremely expensive, and can be an enormous financial burden on a family. Patients and their families often struggle with the numerous financial aspects of transplantation including medical costs, transportation, housing, and daily hospital parking. Patients are also challenged with meeting the costs of daily living, which becomes increasingly difficult for the disabled.

The Anthony Picarello Foundation and "The Peace of Mind" Fund has made tremendous progress over the past few years. We are committed to expanding the Foundation, so that we can further broaden our abilities to help those in need. A future hope/goal of the Foundation is to further expand the "Peace of Mind Fund". We are currently working on developing additional grants for individuals and families dealing with cancer. In fact, in the next year the Foundation will be allocating \$5,000 (10 \$500 grants) to assist those dealing with cancer.

The Anthony Picarello Foundation has the support of local businesses and local and state politicians, including former Senate President Robert Travaglini, Board Member, and State Treasurer, Timothy Cahill. The Foundation meets with the local Kiwanis, Sons of Italy, public and private schools, and the New England Organ Bank.

MEDICAL COMMUNITY: In addition, the Foundation is affiliated with the seven major local hospitals: Beth Israel Deaconess Medical Center, Brigham & Women's, Children's Hospital, Massachusetts General Hospital (MGH), Lahey Clinic, Tufts-New England Medical Center, and the Boston Medical Center. These institutions work directly with the Foundation. Social Workers refer eligible transplant patients and their families to the Foundation for financial assistance.

Ruth (Lombardi) Picarello - May She Rest in Peace



Ruth (Lombardi) Picarello of East Boston passed away peacefully on October 11, 2007. Ruth was a loving caring woman who spread joy wherever she went. She was a devoted wife, mother, grandmother, sister, aunt and most of all a great friend. Ruth co-founded the Anthony Picarello Foundation, an organization inspired by her son. Because of Ruth's love for and devotion to her son's foundation, memorial donations in her memory may be made to the Anthony Picarello Foundation. She will be missed by all. Her smile will remain in our hearts and mind forever. We love you Ruth.

♥ People Are Talking:

"I am proud of my involvement with the Picarello Foundation, and I am excited to continue this partnership in the future. I wish to thank the Foundation for their invaluable contributions to those in need throughout Massachusetts."

Former Massachusetts Senate President, Robert E. Travaglini

"Over the past five years, many of us at the New England Organ Bank have had the pleasure of collaborating with the Picarello's on a number of projects and have experienced first-hand their personal dedication to this vitally important cause. The Picarello's are a family whose commitment to donation has touched the lives of many. It has been an honor to work with such an amazing family and we sincerely appreciate all that they have done."

Sean Fitzpatrick, New England Organ Bank

Facts & figures on organ donations:

- 1,741,001: Number of people in Massachusetts Donor Registry via their driver's licenses as of Aug. 7
- 2,898: Number of patients waiting for an organ transplant at Massachusetts transplant centers
- 175: Number of patients who died in 2006 while awaiting an organ transplant at Massachusetts transplant centers
- 96,973: Number of patients waiting for an organ transplant nationwide
- 17: Number of patients who die each day in this country while waiting for an organ
- 40: Percentage of Americans who have signed organ donor cards
- 522: Number of deceased-donor organ transplants performed at Massachusetts transplant centers in 2006

Source: United Network for Organ Sharing; New England Organ Bank

FOUNDERS:

- Anthony Sr. and Ruth Picarello

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