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## MBF UPDATE

### March 2011

#### **MBF 2011/2012 IOLTA Grantmaking Season Kicks Off**

The MBF has received 140 applications from Massachusetts nonprofits requesting \$5.2 million in grants. The MBF expects to award approximately \$3 million through the IOLTA Grants Program for the 2011/2012 grant year.

Thank you to all of our MBF Fellows who have volunteered to participate on IOLTA Grant Advisory Committees. Committees are currently being formed, and Fellows will be notified of their assignments in early April.

#### **MBF Grants Support Organizations Giving Help and Hope**

Every day, our nonprofit grantee organizations are advocating for low-income individuals and families across the Commonwealth. Here are just a few examples of the types of critical services

#### **Welcome New MBF Fellows!**

**Hon. Barbara Savitt Pearson**  
Lawrence District Court  
Lawrence

**John H. Pearson, Jr., Esq.**  
Pearson & Pearson, LLP  
Lowell

**Paige Scott Reed, Esq.**  
Prince, Lobel, Glovsky & Tye, LLP  
Boston

**Rosanna Sattler, Esq.**  
Posternak, Blankstein & Lund, LLP  
Boston

**Save the Date**

provided and conveyed through recent mid-year reports to the Foundation:



Helped a 10 year old boy with severe emotional and behavioral issues, who was being denied adequate support in a public school setting, to find a school placement at a therapeutic day program. He is currently thriving in his new school.



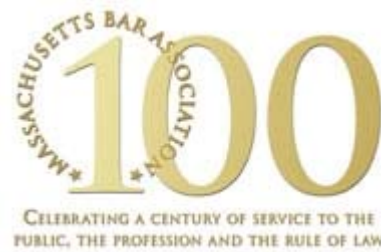
Worked to reinstate and increase the monthly food stamp allocation for a struggling family with two young children after their benefits had been wrongly terminated. The family's food subsidy rose from a mere \$132 per month to the correct allocation of \$400 month.



Assisted an unemployed construction worker battling cancer to access health insurance after his wife, who was denied coverage by Commonwealth Care, could no longer afford to pay for the couple's private insurance. The client and his wife now both have access to full medical coverage.

MERRIMACK VALLEY  
NORTH SHORE  
LEGAL SERVICES

Helped a family hit hard by the recession and



**MBA Centennial Conference  
Wednesday, May 18 - Thursday,  
May 19**

Boston Sheraton Hotel, Boston,  
MA

**Events of Note:**

**MBA Access to Justice Awards  
Luncheon**

Wednesday, May 18

**MBA Centennial Ball**

Thursday, May 19

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facing foreclosure to file a suit against their mortgage company to allow a loan modification as mandated by the federal HAMP program. Because of the help they received, the family remains in their home with a more affordable monthly mortgage amount.



Supported a victim of domestic violence when her abuser was released from jail and attempted to file for full custody (out of state) of their two minor children. The WBF was able to find a volunteer attorney licensed in both MA and CT who successfully argued for the client to maintain sole physical and legal custody of the children.



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## Hon. Margaret Marshall To Be Honored at South Africa Partners Event on April 30

**South Africa Partners**

**2011 Annual Celebration**

Saturday, April 30, 2011  
Exchange Conference Center, Boston

**2011 Desmond Tutu Award Honoree**  
The Honorable Margaret H. Marshall  
Former Chief Justice, Massachusetts Supreme Judicial Court

**2011 Corporate Citizen Award Honorees**  
Robert Glassman and John Plikas  
Co-Founders and Co-Chairmen,  
Walworth Bank & Trust Company

**Special Guests**  
The Honorable Abile Sechi  
Former Justice, South Africa Constitutional Court  
His Excellency Ebrahim Rasool  
South African Ambassador to the United States

**Honorary Event Co-Chairs**  
Governor Deval L. Patrick and  
First Lady Anne S. Patrick  
Governor, State of Massachusetts

**Emcee**  
Janet Wu  
7News/CW56

**Mayer** Thomas M. Marino and  
Mrs. Angela Marino  
Mayor, City of Boston

**Dr. Judy Highy**  
Secretary of Health and Human Services

**Dr. Carol Johnson**  
Superintendent, Boston Public Schools

**Entertainment by**  
Sharon Katz and the Pazzo Train

**Presentations:**  
Presentation of the Desmond Tutu Award to  
The Honorable Margaret H. Marshall  
Former Chief Justice, Massachusetts Supreme Judicial Court  
Presentation of the Corporate Citizen Award to  
Robert Glassman and John Plikas  
Founders, Walworth Bank

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**Eastern Bank** **Walmart**

Please join South Africa Partners for  
**6:00 PM VIP Cocktail Reception**  
**7:00 PM Dinner & Awards Presentation**  
**8:30 PM Dessert & Dancing**  
**Ticket: \$250**

To purchase a ticket, please contact Brenna DeCotis at  
617 443-1072 or bdecotis@sapartners.org.

A ticket for Dessert & Dancing only is available for \$100.

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