

INFORMATION:

The Anthony Picarello Foundation

"Each year the lives of thousands of men, women and children are saved or greatly improved through the miracle of transplantation.

The true heroes behind the miracle are the donors who gave the gift of life and the families who made it possible. Words cannot possibly express the gratitude of those whose lives have been helped."

- National Donor Recognition Ceremony
(Sponsored by HRSA)

Learn more about the Anthony Picarello Foundation - support life with the gift that keeps on giving.

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Our Mission:

The Anthony Picarello Foundation is a non-profit organization dedicated to raising awareness of organ and tissue donations and organ transplants and to providing financial assistance and support to individuals or their families facing a life saving transplant.

Our Vision:

We aim to help save more lives, help improve the quality of life and help provide hope for individuals who are in need of an organ or tissue transplant and their families.

TO DO THIS WE WILL:

- Raise awareness on becoming an organ donor.
- Reach out to individuals awaiting an organ transplant and provide support for them and their families.
- Provide financial assistance to qualified individuals or their families who are experiencing financial distress throughout the process of an organ transplantation.

Skip Speaks to *The Herald*:

East Boston Man Made Deal with God to Save Ailing Son

Boston Herald, Joe Fitzgerald, March 13, 2000

So I went off by myself and spoke to the good Lord. I said, "You do whatever you think is right. Coming from East Boston, you know I've had some gambling in my life and how much I always hoped to hit the big one. Well, if you save my boy's life, it'll be the biggest hit any father ever had. So do what you want. But whether he lives or he dies, I'm promising now to do whatever I can to make sure donors will be available for anyone else who needs them". - **Skip Picarello**



STAFF PHOTO BY REN NORTON
THANKFUL: Skip Picarello, left, and his wife, Ruth, embrace their son, Anthony, 28, as he recuperates from liver transplant surgery.

The Anthony Picarello Foundation has given out 38 grants totaling \$75,000 to families whose loved ones await an organ transplant and are experiencing financial distress.

Anthony Picarello



Our Gift of Life

People Are Talking:

"What sets the Anthony Picarello Foundation apart is its commitment to all facets of organ and tissue donation. Through its fundraising, education and "Peace of Mind Fund" the foundation continues to give the precious gift of life to others."

- Massachusetts State Treasurer, Timothy P. Cahill

"Over the past five years, many of us at 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 who's 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

"We at the Massachusetts General Hospital Transplant Unit have been enormously supportive of the activities of the Picarello's and their Foundation, and fully believe that additional support through corporate sponsorship would be a fitting and worthy investment given the enormous return it has already brought."

- Dr. Raymond T. Chung, M.D.,
Medical Director at Massachusetts General Hospital

It will take the work of organizations like the Anthony Picarello Foundation to make increased organ donation a reality, and bring life and hope to those who need transplants.

- Former Secretary of Health and Human Service,
Tommy G. Thompson

Grant Recipient Thanks:

"The last few months have been especially challenging for us, physically, emotionally and financially. Your gift has enabled us to regain some peace of mind during this time for that, I am eternally grateful." - **C. Todd Monterio**



"It makes it easier to go through these hard times with Jenika (see photo left) when people like you who almost lost a child, understand and know how hard it really is. I guess what touched us the most was the promise to God that no matter what He chose for your son, you were going to do everything in your power to see to it that you started a donor Foundation and you did."

- **The Seymour Family**

"Your gift couldn't have come at a better time. Going back and forth to the hospital we used up a lot of gas, not to mention food and taking care of our two other children and not having to worry about bills made it easier. Your foundation is a godsend." - **The Olsen Family**

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