

Τα κύρια σημεία της επιστολής του δικηγόρου της μητέρας της Μυρτώ, προς το Συμβούλιο της Ομοσπονδίας Βοστώνης

"... I am writing on behalf of Maria Kotrotsou the mother and legal guardian of Mirto Papadomichelaki. This is a rather delicate matter since Ms. Kotrotsou is very grateful for the efforts of Federation of Hellenic-American Societies of New England ("FHASNE") in setting up Friends of Mirto Fund (the "Fund") to raise money to benefit Mirto and she does not want to be perceived as otherwise. At the same time Ms. Kotrotsou, as Mirto's guardian and advocate, needs to have complete access to the records of the Fund and clarity over the procedure that FHASNE or the Fund has implemented for dispersing the funds consistent with the stated purpose of the Fund (...)

As you know, the FHASNE Board of Directors and as well as individual members thereof have assured Ms. Kotrotsou, both at the FHASNE Board Meeting that she attended on December 11, 2013 and prior thereto, that FHASNE had in its possession and was maintaining proper accounting records concerning the Fund and that complete copies of those records would be provided to Ms. Kotrotsou for her review and that of her representatives.

The following is the financial information concerning the fund that Ms. Kotrotsou was promised:

1. An itemized list of each check donation to "Friends of Mirto." Her expectation is that she will receive the name of the donor, the exact amount on the check, and the date it was received. If the donor has marked their donation as "anonymous" in the memo, the list can reflect "anonymous" in the place of the name of donor;

2. An itemized list of in-cash donations to "Friends of Mirto" received at the December 7, 2013 fundraising event held at the St. Nectarios Church in Boston. As well as any other cash donations that have been received to date. That list would include: cash amounts, date received, and location of receipt (i.e. fundraiser event, in FHASNE office, etc.);

3. A detailed list of the funds received through the Friends of Mirto, YouCaring.com website;

4. A copy of the official Bank Statement of Account (on bank stationary) corresponding to the bank account in which money donated to Mirto is deposited;

5. Finally a complete accounting of any expenses or transactional fees paid in connection with the Fund.

Ms. Kotrotsou made clear her discomfort with FHASNE's lack of transparency concerning the fund at the meeting. Ms. Kotrotsou was assured that the requested information was readily available and indeed in the possession of FHASNE's Treasurer. Given that the information is readily available, would have been maintained and available in the ordinary course of good bookkeeping practices expected and legally required of a Charitable Organization in the Commonwealth of Massachusetts and for the administration of a fund such as the "Friends of Mirto Fund" that is specifically intended to benefit Mirto Papadomichelaki, the information should have been promptly provided.

The failure of FHASNE to provide the information in a timely manner upon the request of the guardian of the beneficiary is quite concerning.

At this point, Ms. Kotrotsou feels that she has been adequately patient, but she is growing increasingly concerned that the "Friends of Mirto" fund is not being appropriately administered. Still Ms. Kotrotsou wants to give FHASNE this final opportunity for FHASNE to meet its legal obligations in connection with the Fund. Ms. Kotrotsou's hope is that FHASNE will finally comply with her information requests and resolve this matter amicably. However, Ms. Kotrotsou is also aware that she has the right to file a complaint with Dan Furolo, the lead investigator at the Massachusetts Attorney General's Office of Charitable Fraud Investigations... Ms. Kotrotsou has asked me to set a deadline of Tuesday December 31, 2013 by which the information needs to be provided or Ms. Kotrotsou or she may feel compelled to take further actions in her effort to secure the information... (E. F. - Dec 26, 2013) ..."