

## We Will Remember

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Do you want to get personally involved, become a volunteer, or just meet more people like yourself who have been affected by this tragedy?

Stay informed by joining our email list, or you can find our group on Facebook at [www.facebook.com/stationfirememorialpark](http://www.facebook.com/stationfirememorialpark)

If you would like to help out with fundraising events, send an email to SFMF at [sfmf2003@verizon.net](mailto:sfmf2003@verizon.net). You can volunteer for specific events, or just share your ideas. Any and all help you can give is always greatly appreciated.



## Station Fire Memorial Foundation

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# Park

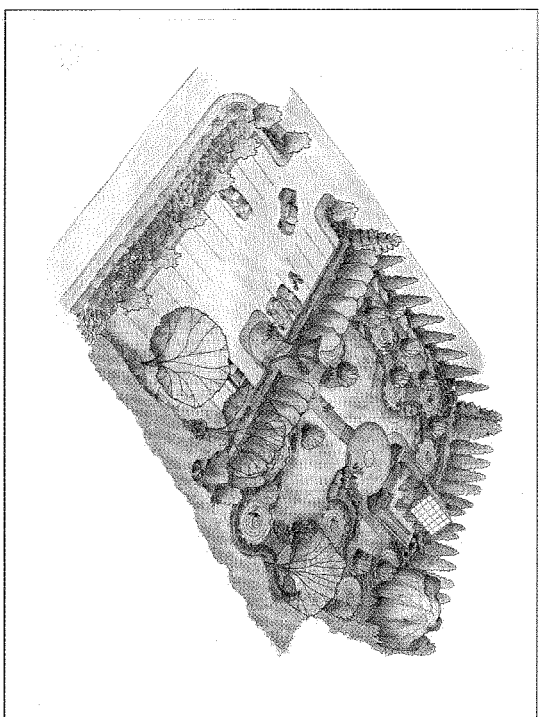
Family members and friends of the 100 cherished people who died as a direct result of the Station Fire founded the Station Fire Memorial Foundation in June 2003. Our purpose is to ensure that our loved ones would receive a proper memorial upon the sacred ground where their lives were so tragically cut short. The Station Fire Memorial Foundation procured the land known as the Station Site through a gracious donation on September 28, 2012. It is our intent that the Foundation not only build but maintain the Memorial Park and as such, fundraising is expected to be long-term. The Foundation encourages maximum participation by affected Family members and Survivors of the tragedy.

The Station Fire Memorial Foundation is an all-volunteer 501(c)(3) charitable organization and as such donations are tax deductible in accordance with IRS rules.

The following has been adapted from the book "The Circus Fire" by Stewart O'Nan. These words have come to sum up our mission:

"To be lost and forgotten - to be abandoned - is a shared and terrible fear, just as our fondest hope as we grow older is that we might leave some part of us behind in the hearts of those we love and in that way live on. We may not be able to change what has been but we certainly can change what is. Help us to give the victims the only gift within our power, a gift we wish desperately for our loved ones, a gift we all want..."

TO BE REMEMBERED."



## Overview:

**Gate and Wind Harp:** Among the most prominent features of the park is a gate towering nearly 30', marking the entrance to the memorial park. This feature is designed to be visible to travelers on Cowesett Avenue from both directions and will serve as a signature landmark for the permanent memorial. The aluminum gate will be custom fabricated for the site and at its peak incorporate an Aeolian Harp containing strings representing each victim of the fire. One of the oldest of all stringed instruments, the Aeolian Harp uses only the vibration of the wind to create soothing and ethereal sounds. As gentle breezes pass through the gate the harmonic vibrations of each string will resonate, creating a musical soundtrack for the memorial reminding us how music was one of the main forces that originally brought people to this very spot.

**Memorial Plaque:** It was important to commemorate the transition between the permanent park and the 'temporary' memorials that have meant so much to so many over the past decade. A shallow area will be excavated in what was the approximate center of the original parking area of the nightclub. The families of the victims will place one or two small items from their temporary memorials into this area. The area will then be covered with a stone plaque commemorating the date and exact time of the fire.

circular areas divided between the Eastern and Western walkways bordering each side of the park. Centered within each garden will be a stone bench. The design allows those walking through the park to comfortably pass behind those visitors who wish to sit and reflect on a single memorial.

**Individual Monuments:** Placed along the circumference of each circle will be 8 to 10 individual monuments. Engraved polished granite will commemorate each victim with his or her portrait, name, and date of birth. Each monument will also contain its own lighting source to offer soft illumination after dusk.

**The Commemorative Walkway:** Passing under the gate, visitors can move directly ahead to the elevated courtyard and pavilion along the commemorative walkway or turn onto one of the two paths leading to the Memorial Gardens. The walkway will be paved with thousands of commemorative bricks purchased by friends, families, and loved-ones to support the construction costs of the memorial.

**The Gathering Court:** A circular courtyard, 34 feet in diameter, is situated in the geographical center of the site, set directly in front of the Memorial Shelter. Paved in blue stone, this area becomes the ideal place to bring visitors together so they can share in the experience. During special events the area can accommodate food services and overflow space for events held at the Shelter.

**The Memorial Steps:** Divided between either side of the Gathering Court will be a total of 8 steps. Each step will be dedicated to a group that played an important role in the tragedy and contain a quote, carved into the step, representing that unique group; The Survivors, The First Responders, The Caregivers, The Volunteers, The Clergy, The Family Members, The Friends, and The State.

The overall goal of the memorial steps is to tell the Station Nightclub Fire story in the succinct but heartfelt words of the many people so deeply touched by the event.

**The Memorial Shelter:** Situated at the highest natural point of the lot, stands the Memorial Shelter. The formidable stone columns of the structure symbolize the tremendous strength of those affected by the fire, while the translucent roof panels supported by intricate trusses serve as a reminder of both the complexity and fragility of life.