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In addition to the benefits granted to members and spouses each month, the Secretary will also be presenting, for informational purposes only, items of interest that may affect our members.

Questions regarding any member's specific situation should be addressed directly to the Fund Office.

MONTHLY NEWS AND INFORMATION FROM THE FUND SECRETARY

Ende, Menzer, Walsh & Quinn Retirees' Widows' and Children's Assistance Fund

I am pleased to announce that the City of Chicago has graciously agreed to include the Ende, Menzer, Walsh & Quinn Retirees' Widows' and Children's Assistance Fund in its 2009 campaign of the City of Chicago's Employee's Charitable Payroll contributions Program.

The inclusion of our widow's and children's fund in this program is the culmination of a dream of our late member and former Fund president, Joseph F. Quinn had many years ago. Joe always hoped for a way that would allow our active members to become actively involved in the support of our neediest widows and orphans. The establishment of the Ende, Menzer, Walsh & Quinn Fund as a legal 501 (c)(3) charity and its inclusion in this program provides this mechanism.

There are nearly 700 widows whose monthly benefit from the Firemen's Annuity & Benefit Fund of Chicago is \$1,200.00 per month or less. Additionally, there are approximately 100 children of deceased firefighters and paramedics receiving benefits from the Fund. the generosity of our members as well as friends of the Chicago Fire Department have made support for our neediest participants possible.

If every member contributed \$5.00 per paycheck (pre-tax)... DO THE MATH, the fund would receive approximately \$25,000 per pay period. That's \$600,000 per year. That would easily provide a substantial increase in our ability to provide much needed assistance to some of the neediest of our widows and orphans.

Please watch the City's distribution for this 2009 campaign. It will either be mailed to your home or enclosed with an upcoming payroll distribution.

Let's all do what we can to help take care of our own.

Thank you.



Anthony R. Martin

Fund Secretary