

## The Kelly Muzzi Memorial Safety Fund

On April 1, 2005, **Kelly Thorne Muzzi '06**, died tragically following a fall from a dance studio window on Bennington College's campus. Concentrating in drama, she had recently returned to campus after spending her winter Field Work Term in Kenya working with AIDS orphans through SOTENI International, where part of her work entailed the collection of stories of people who had been affected by and were living with HIV/AIDS.

A few months later in October, after Kelly's mother sent flower bulbs from the family's garden in Michigan to the College, members of the Bennington community planted a memorial garden in her honor outside of Cricket Hill, where Kelly had spent much of her time working in the Office of Admissions. Then, in December 2006, the Muzzi family and Bennington College announced the joint establishment of the Kelly Muzzi Memorial Safety Fund.

The Safety Fund will provide financial support to assist in the identification of any safety concerns that may exist at the College and to address them as deemed appropriate. It will serve both as Kelly's legacy on campus and as an important source of essential funding that will continue to address the safety of current and future Bennington students.

"Kelly's presence at Bennington College remains as vivid today as ever," said President Elizabeth Coleman. "We are moved by and grateful for the Muzzis' decision to establish this important fund."

*The Muzzi family has established a website in honor of Kelly; to visit, go to [www.dancing-angel.com](http://www.dancing-angel.com).*

*Anyone wishing to join the College's alumni, family, and friends who have chosen to honor Kelly through a donation to the Safety Fund may send a gift to Bennington College designated to the Kelly Muzzi Memorial Safety Fund, c/o Office of External Relations, Bennington College, One College Drive, Bennington, VT 05201. For additional information, contact the office at 800-598-2979 or [alumnirelations@bennington.edu](mailto:alumnirelations@bennington.edu).*

