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Dear Board Members,

Hello!

My name is Rita Ringer. I am a descendent of Wilfred Ringer, who died along with 23 other's in the Hope Development School for Girl's fire in 1924. Next year will mark the 100 anniversary of this tragic event and I am trying to find out whom to contact about getting a possible memorial in honor of all who perished on that tragic night.

Wilfred, was my great uncle. His mother, (my great grandmother), died during the Spanish flu. Emil Ringer, Wilfred's father, died 4 years later. It is unknown how exactly Wilfred came into Mary Jacob's care, as there are no documents to be found to support a legal adoption. Then again, it was the 1920's. I believe, where the building one stood, there is a swing... perhaps this small area can be upgraded along with a memorial plaque or bench or??? Anything and everything you can possibly do to make this happen, would be appreciated (by so many) beyond measure.

I have attached a couple of articles below, for those who may be unfamiliar with what happened on May 31, 1924.

Thank you for your time and consideration.
Respectfully,

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