



Coalition of 9/11 Families

Uniting to create a beautiful memorial at the WTC site

Welcome to the Coalition of 9/11 Families first issue of the Tribute. The Coalition was formed several months ago by a consortium of 9/11 family groups that formed organizations in the aftermath of 9/11/01. Those organizations include the 9/11 Widows and Victims' Families Association, Give Your Voice, September's Mission, Skyscraper Safety Campaign, St. Clare's WTC Outreach Committee, Voices of September 11th and the WTC United Family Group. The goal of the Coalition is to share information and provide *continued on page 2*

Voice Your Opinion on Proposals

Monica Iken
September's Mission

The memorial and redevelopment process is moving at lightning speed, and your participation counts. We have one chance to create the most beautiful memorial the world has ever seen, and we need each and every family member's help. On Saturday, July 20th and Monday, July 22, 2002, The Civic Alliance is sponsoring workshops at the Javits Center – "Listening to the City" – to consider 6 options under development for the memorial and redevelopment of the WTC site. Registration begins at 8:00 am. The program will last from 9:00 am to 4:00 pm. If you can only attend one event, this is the most important event. We need families to turn out. Reserve your place by calling 1-800-862-3154. Additional information is available at www.listeningtothecity.org.

Vote For Your WTC Memorial

Coalition's Position Paper To LMDC

Words cannot express the sorrow we all feel over what took place in our nation on September 11, 2001. As family members, we know you are still grieving and we share your grief. You are in our thoughts always and inspire us to continue to work on challenging issues facing our families. One of the primary challenges facing our families is our voice in development of the WTC memorial. As you are reading this newsletter, politicians, business leaders and special interest groups are discussing many options for the development of the WTC site with minimal input from family members. The LMDC has already published a blueprint indicating various options for the site development. The Coalition of 9/11 Families, however, believe that the location and qualities of the future memorial should largely be determined by the family members with an appropriate allocation of land for the memorial and its support facilities. Further, the Coalition *continued on page 3*

Continued Support From Giuliani

Marian Fontana
9/11 Widows and Victims' Families Association

On Monday, June 24th, the Coalition of 9/11 Families met with former Mayor Giuliani to ask for support on our memorial position. Giuliani agreed with the Coalition's guiding principals and graciously agreed to endorse our position publicly. One of our main concerns was that the LMDC has plans to extend Fulton Street east and Greenwich south through the middle of the site. Giuliani agreed that having vehicular traffic run through the site, especially so close to the *continued on page 3*

9/11 Investigation

Mary Fetchet
Voices of September 11th

Over 9 months have passed since the terrorist attacks on our country and the death of our loved ones. With each passing day, our questions increase, yet we have few answers. How could 4 planes be simultaneously hijacked without an investigation of FAA failures? How could dead terrorists be granted visas, after 9/11, yet failures of the immigration department not evaluated? How could a tragedy of this magnitude occur WITHOUT a full investigation of ALL government agencies that failed to protect them? *continued on page 3*

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representation of our families' voices in the development of the World Trade Center Memorial.

Strength In Unity

In the months after 9/11 our families shared feelings of shock, anger and grief regarding the loss of our loved ones. We have also shared a concern regarding the lack of information available on the recovery and identification process, assistance programs and financial resources. We worked together to gather information and send to families who were not receiving necessary information through formal means of communication. We attended meetings with officials of the City and State of New York allowing us to provide significant information and the concerns of our families. We distributed this information through the media, email and our websites to inform as many families as possible about the decisions being made in regard to our loved ones. We are now focusing on development plans for the WTC Memorial. Many of the founding members of the Coalition serve on the LMDC Family Advisory Council (FAC). Coalition members felt the need to provide a broader representation of family views on the memorial in addition to the 24 family members represented on the FAC. The larger our representation, the more influence we will have in the tribute to our loved ones. We formally organized the Coalition to present our views on an appropriate memorial. While we are not insensitive to the fact that New York is the largest city in America and one of the world's greatest economic centers, its revitalization cannot overshadow the memory of our loved ones. The impact of 9/11 on our lives and the lives of all

Americans demand that we remember the sacrifices made that tragic day by erecting a magnificent Memorial to honor our loved ones. Our generation must preserve this sacred site for our children and future generations.

Construction has begun and plans are being put into place for redevelopment at the WTC site. The infrastructure of transportation and design began even before recovery efforts were complete. City planners are approving plans that will drastically affect the spacing, size and design of our memorial. We need to unite and express our voice now on the tribute to our loved ones. The Coalition of 9/11 Families drafted a position paper outlining the minimum area of the WTC site designated for our memorial and presented it to the LMDC several months ago (see page 3). LMDC board members are now expressing plans to extend Greenwich and Fulton Street directly through the site, leaving a smaller area for the memorial.

Express Your View

We need to convey to the LMDC your support of the Coalition's memorial recommendations or opinion on development of the WTC memorial before plans progress further. The Coalition maintains an open door policy for all families who lost a loved one on 9/11 to contribute their thoughts on the WTC memorial. We are eager to hear your feelings. Enclosed is a response card for your support of the Coalition or further suggestions on the WTC memorial. We are summarizing responses on a very general level to convey to the LMDC the majority feelings from families at this time. As plans progress, we will provide more information and continue requesting your voice. We look forward to uniting to create a beautiful memorial in remembrance of our loved ones.

Who Is The LMDC?

Review LMDC progress & planning www.renewnyc.org

Patricia Reilly
St. Clare's WTC Outreach Committee

The Lower Manhattan Development Corporation (LMDC) was assembled by the City of New York and New York State to coordinate the rebuilding of Lower Manhattan, defined as everything south of Houston Street. The LMDC is governed by a sixteen member Board of Directors and advised by nine councils.

After many meetings and the vehement expression of our families to have a family member on the LMDC board, one position was appointed to a family member by Governor Pataki. Thomas Johnson, Chairman and CEO of Greenpoint Bank, who lost his son on 9/11, was selected as the only family representative to the LMDC Board of Directors. The LMDC is also comprised of nine advisory councils that

provide input on issues such as economic development, transportation, residents, tourism and planning the memorial. The Family Advisory Council represents 9/11 families and development of the WTC memorial. Following are the nine LMDC Councils:

- General Advisory Council
- Arts, Education & Tourism Advisory Council
- Development Advisory Council
- Families Advisory Council
- Financial Services Firms Advisory Council
- Professional Firms Advisory Council
- Residents Advisory Council
- Restaurants, Retailers and Small Business Advisory Council
- Transportation Advisory Council

LMDC FAMILY ADVISORY COUNCIL

- Virginia Bauer · Paula Grant Berry
- Darlene Dwyer, Windows of Hope
- Kathy Ashton, Give Your Voice
- Christy Ferer, Mayor's Family Liaison
- Mary Fetchet, Voices of 9/11
- Marian Fontana, 9/11 WVFA
- Anthony Gardner, WTC United Family Group · Elinore Hartz
- Monica Iken, September's Mission
- Lee Ielpi, 9/11 WVFA · Ann Johnson
- Anthoula Katsimatides · Carie Lemack,
- Families of 9/11 · Edith Lutnick, Cantor Fitzgerald Relief · Michael Macko
- Kathleen Lynch Martens · Maria McHugh
- Vincent F. Pitta · Sally Reegenhard,
- Campaign For Skyscraper Safety
- Tom Roger, Families of 9/11 · William Rodriguez, Hispanic Victims Group
- Jim Smith · Nikki Stern

Vote For Your WTC Memorial

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takes the position that the area of the memorial will be sacred ground for the nation and us. Any development of the site should be compatible and respectful of the needs of the memorial. As family members, we need a place that appropriately honors the memory and spirit of our loved ones and includes a private place for families – only peace and quiet reflection. We believe that the concerns of the families must be incorporated into the deliberations and decision making for all important site developments. We want to make sure that we speak for as many families as possible in our representation. Together, we can ensure that the WTC Site Memorial will be a place of reverence, honor and peace. The Coalition's guiding principals define what we feel should now be built on the former WTC site. It is our hope that these recommendations are consistent with your wishes. We need your voice to form a fitting tribute to our loved ones. Please review the Coalition's recommendations and share your vote for our WTC Memorial on the enclosed reply card.

9/11 Investigation

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On June 11th several hundred families held a rally in Washington, D.C. to call for the establishment of an independent, bi-partisan commission – one with a broad mandate to examine the failures of ALL government agencies leading up to 9/11. Bills proposing a commission have been introduced in the House by Congressman Roemer and in the Senate by Lieberman and McCain. Our families would like the commission to examine failures of intelligence, law enforcement, diplomacy, border control, commercial



Vietnam Memorial &
Washington Monument

aviation, and the flow of assets to terrorist organizations. We believe the focus should be on improving the nation's security policies, preventing future terrorist attacks. We encourage you to support the commission by contacting your Congressman and Senators and circulating our petition found at www.voicesofsept11.org.

WTC Collapse NIST Hearings

Sally Regenhard
Skyscraper Safety Campaign

After months of campaigning for an investigation into the WTC collapse, a hearing was held on June 24, by the National Institute of Standards and Technology (NIST). The hearings and investigations will be used by the Commerce Department to improve building codes and high-rise tower designs. Experts and FDNY Deputy Chief Vincent Dunn (Ret.) testified fireproofing failures rather than the impact of the planes probably caused the collapse. At the May 23 LMDC Public Hearing, families also expressed concern that the LMDC Principles and Preliminary Blueprint for the WTC site does not mention any improvement in quality, safety or security standards. For further information visit www.wtc.nist.gov.

Continued Support From Giuliani

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tower footprints would hinder the sanctity of the memorial. Giuliani also offered advice on effective ways to proceed with the memorial plans so that the families can have as much input as possible. Overall, the former Mayor has been a huge asset to the families and we are grateful for his continued support. Working with the former Mayor will help the families achieve their ultimate goal of a poignant and beautiful tribute to our lost loved ones.

RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE COALITION OF 9/11 FAMILIES TO LMDC REGARDING THE FUTURE OF THE WTC SITE AND MEMORIAL






RECOMMENDED GUIDING PRINCIPLES GOVERNING FUTURE USE OF THE WTC SITE:

- The site must be treated with all of the reverence due to a hallowed burial ground. For many families, it represents the final resting place of their loved ones.
- Treatment of the site must respect the personal grief of all families of victims of 9/11, and the collective pain and shock experienced by the city, state, nation and entire world.
- Treatment of the site must honor the heroism and sacrifice of the many who gave their lives, and the many still living who offered their time and services, for their fellow citizens.
- Future uses at the site should make a positive contribution to the cultural and spiritual life of the city and the nation.
- Structural development at the site should serve the purpose of memorializing the many facets of the events of September 11th for future generations.

RECOMMENDATIONS BASED ON THESE PRINCIPLES:

- All discussions that pertain to development should have substantial input from families affected.
- The Coalition believes as much acreage as possible, including WTC Tower 1, Tower 2 and the Marriott, must be entirely devoted to a Memorial and should have permanently protected legal status. This includes the area inside the slurry wall quadrant of Greenwich (East side), West Street (West side), Vesey (North side), and Liberty (South side).
- The overriding purpose of architecture and landscaping at the site should be to make visitors aware of the enormity and reality of the events on 9/11 and the personal sacrifices of those involved.
- Treatment of the site should be parallel to sites of comparable importance in American history, such as Pearl Harbor, Gettysburg and Normandy that contribute to economic, cultural and social values of New Yorkers in the manner of Central Park, Lincoln Park and The Mall in Washington, D.C.
- The site can have a positive impact on the economy of the City through its contribution to tourism and to the cultural and spiritual life of New Yorkers.

Tribute

<p align="center">COALITION OF 9/11 FAMILIES</p> <p align="center"><i>WE REMEMBER</i></p>	<p align="center">9/11 WIDOWS AND VICTIMS' FAMILIES ASSOCIATION</p>  <p align="center">www.911WVFA.org Marian Fontana, President Lee Ielpi, Vice President Jack Lynch, Vice President Jane III, Secretary</p>	<p align="center">GIVE YOUR VOICE</p>  <p align="center">www.GiveYourVoice.com Jennie Farrell, Chair Michael Cartier Marie Graneri John Cartier Bill Doyle</p>	<p align="center">SEPTEMBER'S MISSION</p>  <p align="center">www.September'sMission.org Monica Iken, Founder Felicia Morton, Treasurer Amy Smith, Consultant Louise LoPresti, Member</p>	<p align="center">Calendar</p> <p align="center">July 22 – 8:00 pm In Memory of Twin Towers - Musicians of Europe United NY Philharmonic</p> <hr/> <p align="center">LMDC Planning Dates</p> <p align="center">July 20 July 22 Listening to the City Call (800) 862-3154 To Register</p> <hr/> <p align="center">First week August LMDC Public Hearing Phase I</p> <hr/> <p align="center">August 19 Final Day for Public Comment Phase I</p>
<p align="center">SKYSCRAPER SAFETY CAMPAIGN</p>  <p align="center">www.herowtc.org/skyscrapers Sally Regenhard, Chair Monica Gabrielle, Co-Chair Carol Ashley, Director Samantha Schumann, Member</p>	<p align="center">ST. CLARE'S WTC OUTREACH COMMITTEE</p> <p align="center">Email: mckeond@att.com Dennis McKeon, Chair Patricia Reilly, Representative Nicole Petrocelli, Representative</p>	<p align="center">VOICES OF SEPTEMBER 11TH</p> <p align="center">www.voicesofsept11.org Mary Fetchet, Co-Chair Beverly Eckert, Co-Chair</p>	<p align="center">WTC UNITED FAMILY GROUP</p>  <p align="center">www.wtcunitedfamilygroup.org Anthony Garnder Lorraine Gardner Kim Capadona Cathy Miller</p>	

**9/11
Family
Resources**

Bill Doyle of Give Your Voice is working to organize a **Health Care Benefits** package providing Health Care for 9/11 families who:

- Can not afford a policy
 - In jeopardy of losing Health Care
 - Not eligible for Cobra coverage
 - Can not afford Cobra coverage
- Email WDoyle5615@aol.com or call (718) 948-6284 for details.*

Call the US Dept of Justice to register for their 9/11 resource guide and information from the US Attorney prosecuting Zacarias Moussaoui at:
(866) 828-1834

The Coalition of 9/11 Families would like to extend our sincere appreciation to the Lutheran Disaster Response of New York for their assistance in distributing the enclosed information to our families.

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