

WTC Cross Moves

At a ceremony on October 5, 2006 the Cross at the World Trade Center site was moved to a temporary location on Barclay and Church Street at St. Peter's Church.

Weekly non-denominational ceremonies were held for all recovery workers during the months of arduous work. "The ceremonies reminded us of the sacredness of this site and the lives lost. Our daily work was grim and hard, but we were honored to do our part." said Chuckie an operating engineer from Local 15. Due to plans to build where the Cross stood, an agreement was made between the Port Authority of NY/NJ, Father Jordan, Fr. Kevin Madigan, pastor of St. Peter's Church and Edward Malloy, President of the Construction Trades Council of NYS temporarily to transfer the Cross to the exterior of St. Peter's until construction on the WTC site is completed.

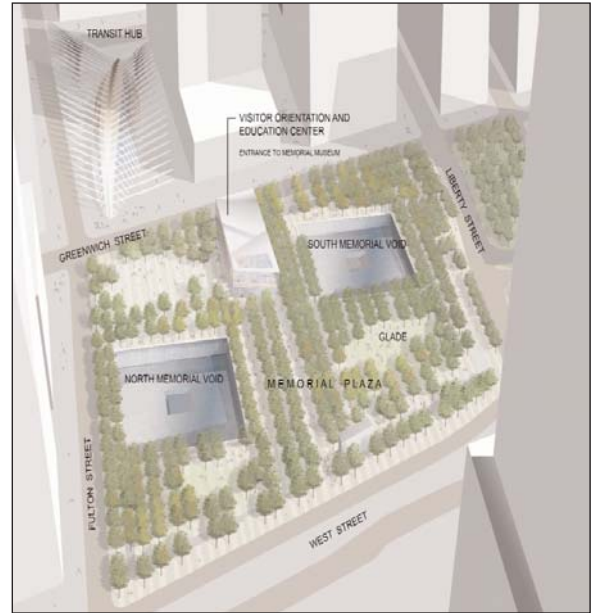
WTC Memorial & Museum Design

AN UPDATE FROM THE WTC MEMORIAL FOUNDATION

In recent months, tremendous progress has been made on the World Trade Center Memorial. The World Trade Center Memorial Foundation, an independent not-for-profit organization, was established to raise the money and to build, and operate the Memorial and Memorial Museum at the World Trade Center site. Since beginning operations in May 2005, the Foundation has raised \$145 million, almost half of its total private commitment, and heavy construction has begun. This past July, the Foundation entered into an agreement with the Port Authority of New York & New Jersey and the State and City of New York which allowed the Foundation to move forward with renewed momentum. The Board of Directors recently elected a new chairman, Mayor Michael R. Bloomberg, whose leadership and philanthropic experience will ensure that the Foundation quickly reaches its fundraising goal.

This fall has been a period of positive transition as the Foundation assumed design responsibilities from the Lower Manhattan Development Corporation (LMDC) and implemented a building agreement with the Port Authority. As owner of the Memorial and Museum, the Foundation is responsible for capital and annual fundraising, finalizing and maintaining the integrity of project design, programming of the Memorial and Museum, and ongoing operations. The Port Authority, as the Foundation's builder, is assuming responsibility for construction of both the facilities and necessary site infrastructure. As the Port Authority is already building the new PATH station adjacent to the Memorial, this arrangement provides the project with greatly improved logistics and efficiencies of scale.

Thanks to the July agreement, a solid public-private partnership has been established to ensure the funding of the entire Memorial project. The Foundation is responsible for raising \$300 million in private funds: \$260 million for the capital construction and \$40 million for Foundation pre-opening operations, which includes Museum programming and planning. The LMDC is committing \$250 million towards building the



Memorial and Museum while additional funds for the project are being made possible by the State of New York and the Port Authority of New York & New Jersey.

Revisions to the Memorial design which were agreed to this summer not only reduced project costs, but also will enhance the visitor experience to the Memorial and Museum by simplifying the design. Underground portions of the Memorial were eliminated and the names of those lost on September 11, 2001 and February 26, 1993 were moved to Plaza level. By consolidating the queuing, ticketing and entry to the Museum, a smoother and more unified experience for visitors is anticipated.

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Tribute WTC Visitor Center Opens



On September 6, 2006, family members, survivors, rescue workers, residents, volunteers and public officials gathered to cut the ribbon officially to open the Tribute WTC Visitor Center at 120 Liberty Street.

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RESOURCE CORNER

9/11 Mental Health and Substance Abuse Program

1-800-LIFENET
www.9-11mentalhealth.org

9/11 Service Guide

List of non-profit agencies with a variety of services for those affected by September 11th.

www.redcross.org/september11/help
(under Resources click 9/11 service guide)

Safe Horizon

1-866-689-HELP (4357)
TDD 1-800-810-7444
Ellen Fader 212-747-8581
Provides counseling for those affected by September 11th, as well as referrals to other organizations.
www.safehorizon.org
(click on *What We Do*, then *September 11th*)

Committee for Hispanic Children and Families

Vanessa Ramos
212-206-1090 x303
Case management and mental health support.
www.chcfinc.org
(click on *Family Health Education*)

Faithful Response

516-679-0080
Free, faith-based mental health programs for Long Island residents.
www.faithfulresponse.org

Financial Planning Associates

1-800-322-4237
Pro bono financial planning counseling to individuals, family members and businesses.
www.fpanet.org/public/support/911relief.cfm

New York Disaster Interfaith Services

212-69-6100
Provides services in disaster advocacy, response and long-term recovery
www.nydis.org

New York Jewish Healing Center

212-399-2320 x211
9/11 bereavement support group, for Jews who lost a loved one on 9/11
www.jhnm.org/njyh

The World Trade Center Permanency Project

Joann Buttaro
212-475-0222 x212
Social, supportive and clinical services in English, Spanish, French and Creole
www.coac.org/programs/wtc.shtml

Recovery at WTC

By Marian Fontana

Old wounds were reopened this past October when Con Ed workers discovered remains and personal belongings at Ground Zero. The findings prompted the city to search other manholes, many of which have never been searched due to the fact that they were inoperative. For the families, it is a difficult time, particularly since the discoveries were made on the heels of the fifth anniversary. Sadness and anger were rekindled as many family members demanded construction halt and a federally led search from JPAC (Joint POW Missing in Action Command) be held. Both of these requests were denied by Mayor Bloomberg, who despite the findings, insists that the site has been "thoroughly gone through and excavated" and that the remains found were "tragic but understandable."

This is not the first time remains have been found in and around the site and many feel that the speed to rebuild has overridden the dignity of the 2,749 people who died on September 11th. "It would be horrible in another six years to find more remains, or if archaeologists were writing books saying that remains were left at Ground Zero. That wouldn't be the right legacy for those wonderful beautiful people that died or for our city," said family member Rosaleen Tallon, sister of Sean Patrick Tallon.

Recently, Deputy Mayor Ed Skyler's office issued a detailed account of the excavation planned for a section of Liberty Street, and the site of the former St. Nicholas

Greek Orthodox Church at 140 Liberty Street. "The exploratory excavations are set to begin in December, when the work on the original manholes is complete. The exploratory excavations could last until the end of next summer, depending on what is recovered."

Since Con Ed's discovery, over 100 bones and bone fragments have been found as daily searches in the surrounding structures continue. More than 750 bone fragments have been located in the past year by forensic anthropologists and construction workers on the roof of a damaged 40-story skyscraper just south of the site. Clean-up and recovery plans are under way for a former dormitory near the site that has not been searched.

What does this mean for families? The mixed blessing of more notifications from the Medical Examiner. I myself, received one about my husband and the floodgates of grief opened again. Regardless of what you feel politically, emotionally or otherwise, one cannot deny the magnitude of what has happened to all of us, the sad reality that over 40 percent of families have received nothing and that life will never be the same. For those family members who were notified for the first time, there was finally some peace.

Visitor Feedback at Tribute

In Gallery 5 of the Tribute Center visitors are invited to write their responses to what they have experienced at Tribute. Thousands of visitors have taken the time to write thoughtful and inspiring comments.

The cards collected have been written by children and adults, by people who have identified themselves as family members, survivors, recovery workers, residents of downtown and of NYC, volunteers, airplane pilots, nurses, and teachers. They have been written by tourists from across the country and around the globe. The comments have been written not only in English, but

in numerous languages including Polish, Tibetan, Spanish, Hindi, Hebrew, German, Japanese and French. The messages in the cards range from expressions of personal loss of a loved one to broader philosophical and spiritual quests to understand and rebuild based on these experiences.

Many cards express gratitude for those that offered help, while others express empathy and compassion to others. Many express gratitude for the Tribute Center as a place to remember, learn and heal. Here are a few comments from visitors after walking through the Tribute Center.

"This is very touching and well thought out. Thank you for honoring my mother."

"Before 9.11.01 I was whole. Now, and forever, there is a piece of me missing, caused by the loss of my brother, my only sibling, that can never be replaced."

"I used to work in the Deutsche Bank Building & eat under the Towers. I was working in Soho on 9/11 & watched the Towers burn & saw the smoke for weeks after. Thank you for helping others understand what we lost that day."

"This Tribute was a very moving experience coming from a country that has had it's share of violence. It makes the world such a small place. We all feel & suffer in the same way. We should all work as hard as we can to bring peace and prevent 9/11 tragedies happening all over the world." (Ireland)

"Dear Grandpa, I wish you could be here but you are in heaven. I am doing very good. How are you doing? Love, the family. P.S. the Mets are in first place!"

Please share your thoughts with us:
Share your September 11th story. How have you been changed by the events of September 11th, or what action can you take in the spirit of Tribute to help or educate another?

En la memoria de cada uno de nosotros debe quedar para siempre el 9/11. No más terrorismo, no más guerras, Pac en el mundo, todos somos iguales.

Concepción - BARCELONA, ESPAÑA

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This is a wonderful article to those who lose their lives on September 11th, may people never forget what happened that day, so nothing like this could ever happen again. They are all in our thoughts + prayers.

M. Hale

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何屋の地に来た、何屋 September 11日と犠牲者の人達の事を思ひ、涙が止まらなくて泣いた。5年が経たぬに今尚増す悲しさと怒り。これだけ... 何人にも World Trade Centerに 建築師と労働者の名前、この悲劇が 永遠に 刻み込まれる。

この悲劇が 刻み込まれる、そして 今も 戦い続ける 家族の方へ、私達は 絶対に September 11日と 忘れない、その 教訓を心に 刻み続けよう。 I Love You.

2006.10.9 小坂 節子

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About 4 months after 9/11 my friends and I made a model out of Legos and when we showed it to our parents they started to cry.

WTC Memorial from page 1

This summer, the plans were taken from design to actual construction. On August 17th, workers began excavating the southwest corner of the site in order to construct the 142 footings which will hold up the structures of the Memorial, Museum, and Plaza. Preparation for steel erection will begin in the spring and beginning the following year, the structure of the Memorial will take shape as the Memorial pools start to form.

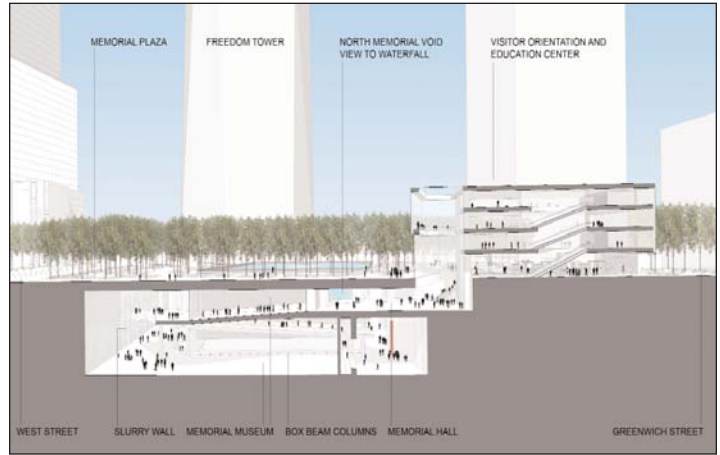
The Museum has announced a major collaborative arrangement with the StoryCorps project, a national project to create an oral history of America. The Memorial Museum and StoryCorps jointly hope to collect at least one recording for each of the 2,979 lives lost in the attacks, preferably from family members, close friends, or colleagues, as well as the stories of survivors and rescue workers. When the Museum opens, it will house the reminiscences of family members and

others most directly affected by the September 11th attacks who have recorded their stories as part of the StoryCorps project. To participate in the StoryCorps 9/11 Initiative, family members, rescue workers, and survivors can call a special reservation number: 646-723-7027. Reservations from the general public for a 40-minute StoryCorps session can be made at www.storycorps.net or by calling 800-850-4406.

There are numerous ways you can help build the Memorial and Museum, from recording your own September 11th story with StoryCorps to creating a personal fundraising campaign. Hundreds of people have contributed by purchasing \$500 cobblestones which will line the Memorial Plaza. You can join the cobblestone campaign and create a fundraising page at www.buildthememorial.org which will allow you to set a goal and inspire your family, friends and co-workers to get involved.

The cobblestones can be donated in honor or memory of a loved one and each donor will be mailed a certificate with a number to correspond to a cobblestone. Once the Memorial is open, you will easily be able to locate your cobblestone through an onsite virtual directory. While your name or your loved one's name will not be inscribed on the actual cobblestone, it will appear on the website donor list and in future publications.

Your participation in building this Memorial is most important. You can visit the Foundation online at www.buildthememorial.org or contact their office with any questions and concerns at 212-312-8800. Construction is under way and the Foundation has reached almost half of its private fundraising goal. We hope you will help complete this endeavor.



Tribute Center Opens from page 1

Governor George Pataki spoke of the first time Lee Ielpi and Jennifer Adams of the September 11th Families' Association approached him with the concept for the Tribute Center. "New Yorkers and the world now have a place to come, to see, feel and learn the tragic human cost of the events of 9/11. Tribute reminds us we must never forget." Mayor Bloomberg urged all New Yorkers to come to the Tribute Center, to pay their respects and to learn about the events of the day from the first-person views and first-hand stories experienced in the Center. Council Speaker Christine Quinn spoke of the compassion of the families who so lovingly sent in artifacts and pictures of their loved ones to put a face on the tragedy. She credited the September 11th Families' Association with taking a dream and making it a reality. Councilman Alan Gerson spoke of the resilience of Lower Manhattan and how we must preserve the memories of those we lost and all those who came to our aid.

Lee Ielpi, co-founder of the Tribute Center, thanked all involved for their dedication and support, including over 2,000 family members who contributed to build Tribute and submitted pictures. "Now Tribute stands tall, holding the precious memories of those terrible days but simultaneously telling the story of a city and a nation coming together as one people, firm in their resolve to search, to respect and finally to heal."

Jennifer Adams, co-founder and CEO of the September 11th Families' Association, reflected on the early struggles and finally huge successes of building support, constructing the space, and of recruiting the volunteer tour guides who are the backbone of Tribute. "They lend their hearts and courage to tell their experience, which is what makes Tribute such a personal experience for visitors. Family members, survivors, residents and recovery workers have come forward willing to share their stories so visitors understand the reality of the events that unfolded that day." Following the remarks, all of the dignitaries cut a ribbon embossed with the Tribute Logo: "Person-to-Person History".

Tribute held previews for families, survivors, residents, recovery workers and volunteers from September 6th - 18th when the Center opened to the general public. Over 4,000 family members visited Tribute on September 10th and 11th. Since then, more than 65,000 people have come to learn, to feel and to pay tribute.

The Tribute WTC Visitor Center is open daily 10 am - 6 pm, except for Tuesdays 12 noon - 6 pm and Sundays 12 noon - 5 pm. For more information go online to tributewtc.org.

"I came here with my son Greg to pay our respects. The terrible enormity of it all hit us both deeply as we sat in the room with floor to ceiling photographs and messages from loved ones. We both sat and cried. Our hearts and minds are with NY and America, and of course all the relatives. We hope and pray for a better world."
(England)

"I never heard the stories of the family members or friends of victims, and this experience opened my eyes to actually what others went through, physically and emotionally. Thank you for giving me the opportunity to learn more about this horrible day."

"Until visiting this centre, the events of 9/11 have seemed somewhat surreal. I do not think I truly understood the emotions that are associated with the event until now. 9/11...it is a day where a country was united, strangers became family..."
(Canada)

"Newspapers and TV pictures didn't begin to draw a true picture. Thank you for helping to make each life lost seem important. May none of us ever forget."

"September 11th resides for me in the quietest part of my brain reminding me always of man's inhumanity to man, which is shared by every nation in different ways. That in-residence horror should keep us all on an endless vigil of tolerance and care for mankind, in all its shapes and forms."

Congratulations to our Retail Operations Coordinator, Matt Sheirer, on completing the 2006 New York City Marathon in 3:44:49. Thanks for running it for the Tribute WTC Visitor Center.



**Purchase the new rescue puppy
at the Tribute Center**



**Donate \$100 or more by Dec. 31 and we
will send you a Tribute puppy!**

All proceeds from the sale of items support the September 11th Families' Association programs and the Tribute WTC Visitor Center operations.

HAPPY HOLIDAYS



**Make your year-end charitable
contribution to the
September 11th
Families' Association
in support of the
Tribute WTC Visitor Center!**

The Association is a 501c3 non-profit organization.
Donations are tax deductible to the
fullest extent of the law.

**Volunteer
with
Tribute**

*Interested in
making a differ-
ence in the lives of
thousands of people?*

By volunteering your time as a guide at the Tribute Center you will have the opportunity to share your personal story with visitors to the World Trade Center site. Various opportunities are available for volunteers at Tribute. The new Gallery Guide program was launched for volunteers inside the Tribute Center last month.

For more information:
e-mail: volunteer@tributenyc.org
or call: 212-422-3520, ext. 118

Dates to Remember

Ceremonies at World Trade Center Site

**The Family House, Gate 7
Liberty Street**

**Christmas Tree Lighting:
December 11, at 6:00 PM**

**Menorah Lightings
Each Night of Hanukkah:
December 15 - 23
call 212-983-3521 ext.15**

**Midnight Mass:
December 24, at 11:30 PM**

American Red Cross Registration Deadline

The 9/11 Mental Health
Association will continue
services through
December 31, 2007.

**Registration Deadline:
January 2, 2007**

**Last Date to File Claims:
March 31, 2008**

www.9-11mentalhealth.org
1-800-LIFENET

WTC Recovery Workers Register for Benefits by August 14, 2007

In September 2006, a new law was
passed to revise the New York
State Workers' Compensation for
9/11-related illness. Even if you
are healthy and have not experi-
enced symptoms, all workers and
volunteers are encouraged to
register.

**For detailed information, go to:
www.nycosh.ny.us
or call
1-866-WTC-2556**

Submit a Picture of Your Loved One

Each family is invited to submit
a picture of your loved one to
the Tribute Center for the
Tribute Gallery. Over 1,200 pic-
tures are currently included.

**To request a submission form:
e-mail: info@tributenyc.org
or call: 212-422-3520, ext. 115**

In the subject line, please include:
Tribute Family Submission Request

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