



September 11th 2007 Anniversary Commemorations

New York City: Ceremonies for 9/11 family members at the World Trade Center will be held at Zuccotti Park on Liberty Street between Broadway & Church Street. First responders will read the names during the ceremony. In a joint statement from Governor Spitzer and Mayor Bloomberg: "These men and women helped guide New York City and the nation through one of our darkest hours, and we are honored that they will join our ceremony as we remember and honor those we lost." The ceremony will pause at four moments to mark the times each plane hit the Towers and to mark the times when the Towers fell. The first moment of silence will be at 8:46 am, and houses of worship are encouraged to toll their bells at that time. The ceremony will conclude around noon. Family members will need an OCME identification or their P/T number to gain access to the ceremonies.

World Trade Center Site Access: At the request of families, the Port Authority is working to arrange a safe plan to allow families to enter the WTC site. Families will be able to descend the ramp in a single-file stream that will keep moving into a limited area below grade to pay their respects and then to ascend back to street level.

Tribute Center Open for All Families: On September 11th the Tribute Center will be open for all 9/11 family members.

Tribute in Light: The Tribute in Light will return at sunset on September 11, from Lower Manhattan.

Families of Flight 93, Somerset, PA: The formal commemorative ceremony is scheduled for Monday, September 10th, at the Somerset Alliance Church beginning at 7pm. The ceremony will pay tribute to area citizens for their efforts of the past six years. The Families of Flight 93 are glad to have the opportunity to thank those who have worked so hard. "It's something that I think is near and dear to the partners – the support we've received from the local folks and how much the project means to them and how much their support means to us," said Ed Root, President of the Families of Flight 93. "It

just seemed like a natural way to show our appreciation for that support." On September 11th the Somerset Temporary Memorial will be open to the public from dawn to dusk. The reading of the names of the passengers and crew of Flight 93 and the tolling of the Bell of Remembrance will take place beginning at 9:55 am at the Temporary Memorial.

Arlington County Observance: Arlington County remembers the lives lost at the Pentagon and honors those who responded to the attack with a moment of silence and with the ceremonial tolling of a bell 184 times. Observance will begin at 9:15 am. The ceremony will take place at the Courtyard of the Arlington County Justice Center.

Pentagon Wreath-Laying Ceremony: The Pentagon will hold a private wreath-laying ceremony for the families. Family members please contact Mark Ward at 703-614-4074 for more information.

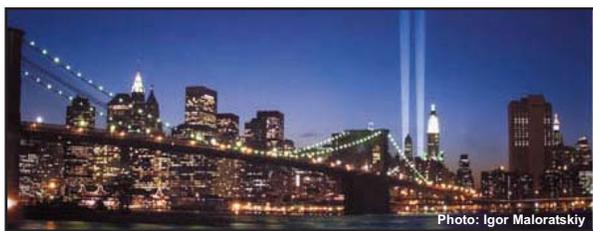


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National September 11 Memorial and Museum: Previously known as the World Trade Center Memorial, the National September 11th Memorial and Museum will bring a September 11th exhibition to towns and cities around the country this fall. The exhibition will include images and artifacts and will tell the story of September 11, 2001, from the perspective of families, responders, survivors, volunteers, and everyday people. Visitors to the exhibition will also have the opportunity to sign a steel beam that will be used in the construction of the Memorial & Museum. The exhibit will begin on September 10, 2007 in Columbia, South Carolina when the Memorial & Museum will pick up the beams from the steel fabrication plant. On September 11, the exhibition will be open in Columbia, with Memorial & Museum representatives participating in the city's commemorative Freedom Walk. For more information, visit www.national911memorial.org. The tour will visit: Columbia, SC - Raleigh, NC - Norfolk, VA - Pittsburgh, PA - Charleston, WV - Cincinnati, OH - Lexington, KY - Fort Wayne, IN - Lansing, MI - Aurora, IL - Madison, WI - Sioux Falls, SD - Des Moines, IA - Omaha, NE - Wichita, KS

National September 11th Memorial & Museum Update

In August, the World Trade Center Memorial Foundation changed its name to the National September 11 Memorial & Museum at the World Trade Center in order to more fully reflect the Memorial & Museum's commemoration of the September 11, 2001 attacks as a national tragedy that changed the course of history. The mission of the Memorial & Museum has always been to honor those killed in the terrorist attacks of September 11, 2001, in New York City, Pennsylvania, and at the Pentagon, as well as those killed in the World Trade Center bombing on February 26, 1993, and the new name is in keeping with this mission. Since the Memorial & Museum is being built at the very site of the attacks, the project will continue to emphasize the site-specific nature of building at the World Trade Center. The upcoming anniversary is a time for remembrance and reflection, and the entire staff at the Memorial & Museum extends their condolences during this difficult period to those who lost loved ones. The Memorial & Museum fully understand

that the responsibility to build this tribute is a solemn one and that it extends to the family and friends of those whose loved ones were killed, to those who survived, and to the millions of Americans and those from around the world who will come here to pay their respects and to learn about what happened on September 11, 2001, and in the aftermath. In April, fundraising for the Memorial & Museum surpassed the \$300 million milestone in the \$350 million private fundraising campaign. Over 33,000 donations from donors in all 50 states and 27 foreign countries contributed to this fundraising total. It is heartening to see the rising number of contributors to this project because one of the goals of this campaign is to ensure national participation in the effort to build the Memorial & Museum. The attacks of September 11 impacted all Americans and people across the country are helping to build this national tribute as part of the collective response to the attacks. As the national outreach efforts commence, work.....Continued on page 3

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RESOURCE CORNER

Mental Health and Substance Abuse

1-800-LIFENET

Free & Multilingual. Available 24/7. Mental health professionals help find mental health and substance abuse services.

<http://www.mhaofnyc.org>
(click on LifeNet)

9/11 Service Guide

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

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

Safe Horizon

1-866-689-HELP (4357)

TDD 1-800-810-7444

Ellen Fader 212-747-8581

Counseling for those affected by September 11th and referrals.

www.safehorizon.org
(click on Get Help)

Committee for Hispanic Children and Families

Vanessa Ramos

212-206-1090 x303

Case management & 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

St. Vincent's Health Center

212-346-2582

Free, mental health counseling, healing services and stress management.

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

Mount Sinai Medical Center

1-888-702-0630

Free, confidential medical monitoring examinations for workers and volunteers.

www.wtcexams.org

Thoughts for Parents - Talking to Children

Currently, the Tribute Center is featuring a temporary exhibit *Coming Together: Our Children Respond to 9/11 with Hope for the Future*. This exhibit is designed for children, parents and teachers.

Today, news and entertainment media bombard our kids with frightening and overwhelming versions of world events. How should parents and teachers help children master their doubts, fears, and perceptions of their vulnerability? How can we talk with them about real events in ways that encourage hope and instill a sense of control over the future?

For some children, it is difficult to express their feelings in words. The arts often allow children to express and confront their feelings. In addition to talking, encourage kids to create a drawing, write a story, a poem or create a home movie about their thoughts and feelings.

Empower kids by encouraging them to engage in a community-oriented

Discussion With Kids Start By Listening

ENCOURAGE kids to describe their feelings. It is particularly important that children can speak freely and do not feel criticized.

ACKNOWLEDGE you are listening by reflecting back. This allows children to feel understood and supported.

REASSURE kids that it is okay to feel sad and upset.

SCHEDULE extra time together during stressful times such as the anniversary of 9/11. Being together reinforces stability.

project helping others. Children learn skills of tolerance and compassion when they are able to help other people. Tribute's website www.tributewtc.org/education offers links to service projects for kids. Even when children simply use their imaginations to envision and create worlds free of hate where people are helpful, they are strengthening their sense of civic responsibility and their control of the future.

Discussion points are adapted from articles of the Institute for Trauma and Resilience at the NYU Child Study Center. Complete articles from NYU Child Study Center can be found at www.AboutOurKids.org. Families of September 11th, Inc. also provides resources and references for caregivers of children affected by trauma on how to understand grief, bereavement, and PTSD in children, through their Children of September 11 program and on their web site at www.childrenofseptember11.org.

Tribute Center School Programs

This fall, the Tribute Center will launch a series of unique school programs and web based education using personal stories to help students comprehend the magnitude of September 11th.

Schools that are able to come to the Tribute Center will be guided through a very meaningful journey. Students that are unable to visit the Center will also be able to have a powerful experience by utilizing our online resources. Goals for both experiences include helping students in grades 5-12 to conduct their own research by investigating authentic oral histories, photographs and artifacts. Our program mission includes a focus on the extraordinary civic response generated by 9/11 and on empowering students to take humanitarian action in their home communities in tribute to this powerful, contemporary history.

Based on Tribute's "person-to-person" approach to history, students are guided by a leader who personally experienced the events. After an orientation and after hearing their guide's story, students will conduct their own mini-investigation project using the resources of the

exhibit, researching the experiences of one of five constituent groups. Back at school, students will produce their own oral histories, and create their own classroom mini-museum, using their research and



images provided by the Tribute Center website. Post-visit activities direct students to specific opportunities for serving others. Website links provide students interesting projects and volunteer opportunities. Additional links help students learn about legislation and how to communicate with their local legislators.

Tribute's website can be found at www.tributewtc.org/education. The site offers a number of resources for students, families and teachers. Links are provided for further research, and for parents seeking help in dealing with psychological issues. Teachers who would like to bring their classes to Tribute can call (212) 422-3520, ext.122. Teachers around the nation can use our online resources to create unique in-school learning opportunities. Teachers will also be able to share projects on our website, so that Tribute becomes an ever-changing motivational resource for teachers.

September 11th Teacher Awards 2007



The Tribute Center inaugurates its annual Tribute Teacher Awards on September 10, 2007 with the presentation of a Certificate of Merit and a gift to six schools and teachers who have created exemplary educational projects that help sustain the memory of September 11th.

Teachers are being acknowledged for their discussion of the meaning of September 11th in their classrooms, focus on humanitarian efforts resulting from 9/11 and the role that students can play in healing our city and our world.

All of the teachers receiving the awards felt that it was important to create projects that would allow their students to express their feelings of fear following the attacks and to understand that they could work together to do things that would make a difference in the world. Please join us to honor the dedication of these teachers. Projects will be posted on our website, www.tributewtc.org, so that other teachers can be inspired.

The Tribute Center is looking for 9/11 families who would like to sponsor future awards to teachers who create educational projects in remembrance of 9/11. Are you interested in sponsoring a Tribute Teacher Award or do you have an educational foundation in memory of a loved one lost on 9/11? Join the Tribute Center in reaching thousands of children who come to the World Trade Center to learn about September 11th. Contact Meriam Lobel, Curator, Tribute WTC Visitor Center, 212-422-3520, ext. 116 or mlobel@tributenyc.org.

Tribute Certificate Of Merit Awards:

HS for Leadership and Public Service, Lower Manhattan, NYC

Principal: Frank Brancato
Teacher: Dan Fielding
Dan Fielding guided his science students to take responsibility for their environment by planting gardens in nearby Battery Park, the place which sheltered them as they escaped the rolling dust cloud on 9/11.

The project recognizes the importance and meaning of civic environmentalism in urban settings.

PS 22, Staten Island, NYC

Principal: Melissa Donath
Teachers: Gregg Breinberg, Jeanne Koleniak-Burns and Leslie Johnson
These teachers collaborated to create an arful video with their elementary school

students that created a forum for the children to express their emotions. The project instilled the idea, that they could take back 9/11 from the terrorists by working together to be a more tolerant community.

PS 5, Inwood, NYC

Principal: Wanda Soto
Teacher: Les Klein
Computer teacher Les Klein asked his 3rd and 4th grade students to express their feelings about the attacks in poetry. Students then transformed the poems into short films.

PS/IS 137, Brooklyn, NYC

Principal: Loria A. Tucker
Teacher: Linda Sedda
Art teacher Linda Sedda created a book of students' artwork, poetry and letters.

Barron Collier HS, Naples, Florida

Principal: Ronald Miller
Teacher: Todd Peterson
Chorus teacher Todd Peterson brought students to visit the World Trade Center site to understand what happened by taking a personal tour with a Tribute Center guide. Students were visibly moved by the tour and sang their hallmark song, "Unity," for the staff and visitors at the Center.

Shizuoka Prefecture, Japan

Teacher: Keiko Wada
Many children in Mrs. Wada's classroom did not know about the attacks. Mrs. Wada discussed terrorism with the students and stressed the importance of life. Students made chains of origami cranes as a wish for healing and peace and sent them to the Tribute Center.

Awards Ceremony:

Monday, September 10, 2007, 10:00 am
Tribute WTC Visitor Center,
120 Liberty Street, New York, NY 10006
To R.S.V.P. call: 212 393 9160, x 133



September 11th Memorials around the world



In memory of all the September 11th victims, Dov Shefi - the father of Hagay Shefi, initiated the creation of Parks, Squares and Monuments, in cooperation with several mayors in Israel. The picture above shows Or Yehuda. The square was dedicated on September 3rd, 2003, by the Mayor, Mr. Y. Bokovza and the U.S. Ambassador Mr. Daniel C. Kurtzer.

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continues here in New York. Construction is moving forward and the Memorial & Museum is on track to complete the footings that will hold up the Memorial, Museum, and Plaza. Once the footings are complete, steel will be erected at the site and next year, the structure of the Memorial will begin to take shape.

Meanwhile, the Museum staff continues their hard work envisioning the Memorial Museum and building a permanent collection of artifacts and oral testimonies to honor those killed and bear witness to the attacks of September 11, 2001 and February 26, 1993. The remarkable artifacts, photographs, documents, and memorabilia contributed to the growing collection serve as a rich resource for future exhibitions, the planned educational resource center, and informative public programming. The collections preserved through the Museum provide an immediate connection to the stories the Museum will tell, and to the people behind those stories. Please visit www.national911memorial.org/memorial_home to learn more about the vision for the Memorial Museum, to view recent acquisitions and to listen to the podcast series. Sixth-anniversary programming this

Memorial

Year includes the September 11th tribute exhibition; an update from Museum representatives at the Voices of September 11th *Preserving 9/11* forum on September 10th at 3:45pm; an open house for family members at the Memorial & Museum offices on September 11th; and a panel co-sponsored by Trinity Church discussing *The Future of September 11th: The View from New York* on September 27th at 7 pm at St. Paul's Chapel. The National September 11 Memorial & Museum invites family members to register at www.national911memorial.org/familyinfo. Family members can also contact Madeleine Blot at (212) 312-8852 or mblot@sept11mm.org with any questions.

Dates to Remember

2007 Walk with Joe Memorial 5K Walk

Saturday, September 8th at 10am
 Battlefield State Park, Manalapan, NJ
 732-446-9870, www.walkwithjoe.com

**Jason DeFazio & Rob Shay
 Golf Outing**

Friday, September 7th at 1pm start for golf
 Silver Lake Golf Course
 915 Victory Boulevard Staten Island, NY
 After-party, Black Dog Grill Forest Ave. at 6pm
 Michele DeFazio 917-957-4042

**Sixth Annual Police, Fire and Sheriff
 9/11 Memorial 5K**

Saturday, September 8th at 10am
 Doubletree Hotel
 300 Army-Navy Drive Crystal City, VA
 Capt. Matt Smith 703-228-4158
 www.arlington911race.org

Concert for Remembrance

Sunday, September 16th at 5pm
 Grace Episcopal Church
 130 First Avenue Nyack, NY
 Alison Crowther 845-358-2766

Spirit Rider Regatta

Friday - Sunday September 7-9th
 Long Beach, NY
 Noreen 516-662-0485

**Marc S. Zeplin Foundation
 Family Fun Day**

Sunday, September 16th from 2 - 5:00pm
 Willow Ridge Country Club, Harrison, NY
 Leonard Zeplin 212-879-6362

**Danielle Kousoulis Fifth Annual
 Golf Tournament**

Tuesday September 25th
 Registration at 11am; Shotgun start at 1pm
 Cocktails and Dinner at 6pm
 Scotland Run Golf Course
 Rte. 322 & Fries Mill Rd. Williamstown, NJ
 Eleni 610-668-1320 or Anthony 609-221-3535

Events at the Flight 93 Chapel

Saturday, September 8th at 1pm
 9/11 Patriot Ride – Red Knights:
 Washington, Westmoreland, Fayette

Sunday, September 9th
 Pontifical High Mass at 11am
 Irwin Men's Chorus at 5pm

Monday, September 10th at 7pm

Tribute Ceremony & Candlelight Peace Vigil
**Adam P. Arias & Warrant Officer
 Charles G. Wells Memorial Golf Outing**

Tuesday, September 11th
 Registration 11am Shotgun start 1pm
 Neshanic Valley Golf Course
 2301 South Branch Road, Neshanic Station, NJ
 Paul Denning 908-874-5955

The Tunnel to Towers 5K Run/Walk

Sunday, September 30th at 10am
 From Brooklyn through the Battery tunnel
 718-987-1931
 info@tunneltotowersrun.org
 www.tunneltotowersrun.

Preserving 9/11 Forum & Exhibits

Monday, September 10th at 10am
 Voices of September 11th
Commemorative Luncheon
 Tuesday, September 11th from 12 noon - 3pm
 both events take place at
 Marriott Financial Center Hotel
 85 West Street at Albany Street
 R.S.V.P. to Michelle Doherty,
 Voices of September 11th
 866-505-3911

Did you participate in **RESCUE, RECOVERY** or **CLEANUP** after the World Trade Center collapse?

9/11 Workers and Volunteers! Register Now to Protect Your Right to Workers' Compensation Benefits
 Go to WWW.NYCOSH.ORG

If you did paid or unpaid rescue, recovery or cleanup work in Lower Manhattan during the year after 9/11, you may be eligible for medical and wage replacement benefits — but only if you register first with the New York State Workers' Compensation Board!

Registering now will preserve your right to file a workers' compensation claim for a 9/11-related disorder - no matter when it develops in the future.

Registration extended until August 2008

If you miss this deadline, you will not be eligible for lost wage benefits or free medical care provided by worker's compensation for 9/11 illnesses or conditions you may develop in the future!

For complete information, eligibility requirements and to obtain all the necessary forms for registration,

www.nycosh.org
 1-866-WTC-2556



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