



Third Annual Teacher Awards



Erin Boughton and her students from Our Lady of the Hamptons School display their artwork during the Teacher Awards.

The Tribute WTC Visitor Center celebrated the third annual September 11th Teacher Awards. Five teachers who created exemplary educational projects and engaged their students in meaningful discussion to help sustain the memory of September 11, 2001 were celebrated. Although the date of February 26 was carefully chosen, snow intervened and the event was held on Tuesday, March 2, 2010.

This event honored the initiatives of teachers who have the courage to explore this complex content, and also provided an opportunity to guide how we think the issue of September 11th should be taught in every classroom. The keynote speaker was State Education Department Regent Dr. Christine Cea who passionately shared her September 11th experience both as a resident of Staten Island and as a Regent who would like to see this topic explored throughout the state.

Each teacher talked about their project and was awarded a framed certificate. Through the generosity of September 11th family foundations, each school was given a gift of \$500. The foundations that supported this event were: The Gregg Richards, Larry Polatsch, Scott Weingard Memorial Fund (GLS Memorial Fund), The Welles Remy Crowther Charitable Trust, The Christopher Slattery Memorial Scholarship Foundation, The Brooke Jackman Foundation, and the Family of Firefighter Michael D. Mullan.

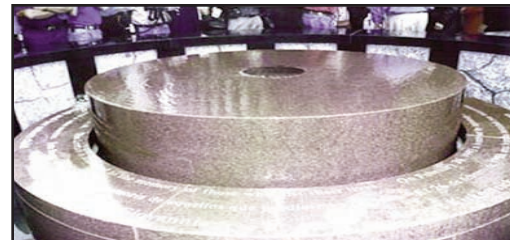
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Susan Linder and her students created the 9/11 Memorial Perennial Garden at the Lynbrook School district.

Remembering February 26, 1993

On February 26, 1993, a 1,200 lb. ammonium nitrate bomb was detonated in the underground garage under World Trade Center Tower 1 at approximately 12:18pm, murdering John DiGiovanni, Robert Kirkpatrick, Steven Knapp, William Macko, Wilfredo Mercado, Monica Smith and Monica's unborn child. More than 1,000 people were injured that day, and thousands more live everyday with the memory of the traumatic events.



The 1993 memorial as it once stood in the World Trade Center.

The 1993 Memorial was destroyed on September 11, 2001. The only surviving piece of the 1993 Memorial, a small piece of the former rose granite fountain, has been preserved and will be on display in the National September 11th Memorial Museum. We honour the victims of 1993 and all those who love them.

Please take a moment to update your contact information in the enclosed insert for our records.

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Does the grief over the death of a loved one on September 11th still interfere with your life?
Free treatment for those eligible.

NYC DOHMH Benefit Program

1-877- 737-1164
The Department of Health and Mental Hygiene (DOHMH) is offering an insurance-like benefit to help cover mental health and substance use treatment for New York City residents affected by September 11th.
www.nyc.gov/9-11mentalhealth

Mount Sinai Medical Center

1-888-702-0630
Medical monitoring for workers and volunteers.
www.wtcexams.org

Volunteer at the Tribute Center

Over the last 5 years, our volunteer program has thrived at the Tribute Center. The Walking Tour program serves visitors on a daily basis, providing a unique personal experience through the eyes of a volunteer. Education is a main component in all of our volunteer initiatives and we strive to create a place for those affected by September 11th to share their experiences with the world.



Since 2005, we have trained 309 individuals to feel confident and successful in leading and supporting walking tours around the perimeter of the WTC site. Volunteers are comprised of survivors, family members, residents of Lower Manhattan, and first responders and recovery workers, who assisted in the aftermath. Volunteers have a variety of reasons for wanting to share an experience that details a personal journey of loss, pain, support, reflection and hope. As one volunteer recalls, "For many years, after losing a family member, I was not involved in anything related to the WTC. Volunteering at the Tribute Center has helped me grieve and address many of the questions which I still have about that day."

Along with the educational component of the walking tour, the volunteers have formed a strong community filled with support and admiration. Events and trips solidify personal bonds and are scheduled throughout the year. Last year, program volunteers visited Shanksville, PA to meet members of the

community, the National Park Service and visit the Flight 93 Memorial. A trip was also organized to visit artifacts and steel preserved from the WTC site by the Port Authority at JFK Airport. Seasonal events are planned to allow volunteers to meet and get to know one another such as the summer picnic and holiday party. Monthly programs and educational meetings serve to update volunteers on tour content and logistics.

The Tribute Center is actively seeking individuals to volunteer and share their personal experiences on walking tours and within the galleries with school groups. The Tribute Center offers "Person to Person History," linking visitors who want to understand and appreciate the historic events of September 11th with those who experienced them.

If you or someone you know would be interested in dedicating 4 hours a month to share your personal experiences and educate the world, please contact Tracy Grosner, volunteer@tributewtc.org or 212.422.3520 at ext. 112.



World Trade Center Rebuilding Update

<u>Completion Dates</u>	<u>Target Date</u>	<u>Probable Date</u>
Transportation Hub	4Q 2013	2Q 2014
Memorial		
Interim Plaza Turnover (80% Deck Complete)	4Q 2010	1Q 2011
Complete Plaza Turnover (100% Deck Complete)	3Q 2011	4Q 2011
Museum Completion	1Q 2013	2Q 2013
One World Trade Center, Freedom Tower	2Q 2013	4Q 2013
Greenwich Street	2Q 2012	4Q 2012
Vehicle Security Center	1Q 2012	3Q 2012

Puppy Love: Rescue Dogs on Duty

Over a hundred dog lovers, many of them in NY to attend the Westminster Dog Show, came to a public program on February 14th at the Tribute Center. The program featured the stories of rescue dogs at the World Trade Center site.



Tribute was fortunate to present NYPD Officer Robert McArdle, a member of the E.S.U. Canine team who brought with him TC, the last NYPD dog still on duty who worked in the recovery efforts at the World Trade Center site. "TC" stands for "Trade Center," Officer McArdle told the receptive crowd of veterinarians and dog aficionados, especially people interested in service dogs. "His original name was Tonto, but after he worked with such devotion at the site, I wanted to call him TC." Officer McArdle said that there were challenges everywhere for the dogs at the site because their primary tool is their sense of smell. It was also very difficult for the dogs to walk on the jagged and hot surfaces of the steel piled in every direction. The crowd was relieved to hear that the dogs working at the site had extraordinarily good medical care. There were veterinarians there around the clock and the dogs were given regular examinations.

Officer McArdle said that while all dogs are "man's best friend", his canine partner is extremely attached to his wife, a sentiment which seemed fitting to express on Valentine's Day.



Officer McArdle standing with TC during the Dog Program.

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2010 Tribute Center Teacher Award recipients.

Mark Otto, The Facing History School, New York, NY

Six classes studied September 11th and participated in conversations to help guide the development of the National September 11th Memorial Museum.

Erin Boughton, Our Lady of the Hamptons School, Southampton, NY

Students created a book entitled "Two Planes, Two Buildings, One Nation," based on their primary source research: oral histories, guest speakers, and a visit to the World Trade Center site.

Chris Ougheltree, Cranston HS East, Cranston, RI

Students personalized the history of September 11th by connecting a "face" with the tragedy and with a trip to the World Trade Center site followed by further investigation of the causes of terrorism world-wide.

Robert Orlando, HS of Computers and Technology, Bronx, NY

Students used museums and media to explore key ideas about September 11th and then wrote essays about their vision of the future.

Susan Lindner, Lynbrook School District, Long Island NY

As part of the science curriculum, elementary students created a September 11th Memorial Perennial Garden with a backdrop of a painted mural of the Manhattan skyline, including the twin towers.

In March 2010, the Tribute WTC Visitor Center will offer an online classroom resource kit for teachers and students. Eight videos reveal personal stories from people impacted by September 11, 2001 and who in response developed projects to make this world a more peaceful, tolerant place. Each story is accompanied by discussion questions, historical context, research links and projects.

This resource kit will be available at the following web address:
<http://www.tributewtc.org/programs.resources.php>

To be a sponsor of our Teacher Awards or education programs, please contact Josie Chiles at jchiles@tributewtc.org

To submit a project for the 2011 Teacher Awards, please contact Wendy Aibel-Weiss at wendya@tributewtc.org

Captain Jason Dahl Outdoor Family Fundraiser and Dove Race

Saturday, May 1, 2010
11am - 4pm Littleton, CO
www.dahlfund.org

Fifth Annual Brooke Jackman Run for Literacy

Saturday, May 15, 2010
Oyster Bay, NY
info@BrookeJackmanFoundation
www.BrookeJackmanFoundation.org

*Remembering
April 19, 1995
Our thoughts and prayers
are with the people of
Oklahoma City
on the 15th anniversary
of the bombing of the
Alfred P. Murrah
Federal Building*

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