## September 11<sup>th</sup> Families' Association

# Tribute



WE REMEMBER

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#### **WTC Family House Relocated**

The Family House at the World Trade Center site has served the families and relatives since the summer of 2002. The House was located on Liberty Street and became a place of comfort and reflection. The Family House was recently relocated to Gate 10 on Church Street. Due to construction on Liberty Street, the Port Authority had to relocate the Family House to a place suitable for families to view the site and still provide peace and quiet.

Family members helped find the new location that is respectful and affords a view of the WTC site. Family members participated in moving all of the meaningful and heartfelt mementoes to the new location.

To enter the Family House use Gate 10 located on Church Street, south of the Path Station. Security at the gate will direct you to the Family House, which is open 7 days a week from 10:00 am to 8:00 pm. For further information, contact Davella May at the Port Authority (212) 435-5552.

The Memorial Park identification card will provide access into this area. The Memorial Parkidentification card is issued by the Office of the Chief Medical Examiner. If you do not have a Memorial Park ID card, you can contact the Medical Examiner's office at 212-447-7884 to make an appointment to get one. The identification card also gives you access to other family-related sites and events.

Family House at Gate 10 Church Street, south of PATH Station Open 7 Days 10 AM - 8 PM

# America's Camp - Make Our 6th Your

America's Camp is now enrolling boys and girls, ages 7-15, for its sixth summer in the beautiful Berkshire Mountains of western Massachusetts. This week-long, sleep-away camp is offered at no cost to families. The 2007 session will begin on Wednesday, August 15<sup>th</sup> and finish on Wednesday, August 22<sup>nd</sup>. Round-trip coach bus transportation will once again be provided.

The campers have diverse backgrounds and interests, but share a common experience - they have all lost a parent or sibling in the September 11th attacks or in the line of duty at any time as a firefighter or law enforcement officer. Over 150 staff members create a warm, welcoming environment which nurtures friendships and positive self-esteem. This talented, energetic, mature staff is supported by trained personnel from the Center for Grieving Children, who are available on an informal, asneeded basis. The overall goal is to make sure camp is an emotionally safe and supportive place, as well as tremendously fun.

"Upon her return, my daughter was happy and relaxed," one Long Island mother said about her 10year-old daughter. "Having the opportunity to spend time with other children who have gone through the same loss as her makes her feel accepted. At the same time, she is not singled out as a child who lost a parent." The staff also is the key to successful experiences for first-time campers. Of the 250+ campers who attended in 2006, over 50 were new. First-time campers are quickly made to feel at home and are swept up in the spirit of America's Camp.

"My son has an amazing time at camp," said a Staten Island parent, whose 8-year-old son attended for the first time in 2004 and will be attending for his fourth year this coming summer. "He feels

tremendous confidence and a sense of independence being away. Most of all, he has so much fun. He talks about camp all the time and even told me he wants to be a counselor there when he grows up. I will never forget picking him up at camp the first time. He ran across the lawn, into my arms, and said, "Mom, it was the best week of my life."



During this week of sun, fun and friendship. campers can participate in a wide range of activities at the camp's picturesque lakeside site in Hinsdale, Massachusetts. There's sailing, canoeing, windsurfing and water-skiing on the pristine lake; swimming in a spacious, heated pool, archery, and all kinds of sports, played on beautiful fields and courts. The art shack and woodshop are always busy, and campers can also participate in activities such as dance and drama.

It's a busy, active week. In addition to all of the daily activities, the last three summers have included carnivals, "air band" nights, theme days, day trips to amusement parks and water parks and evening trips to minor league baseball games.

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# Remembering February 26, 1993

The Tribute Center created a special exhibit the NYPD, the FDNY and family members. Many of commemorating the attack on the World Trade Center on February 26, 1993 when terrorists detonated a bomb in an underground garage of the buildings. The 1993 exhibit featured people who worked at Dean Witter, Con Edison, the Vista Hotel, the television transmitting station, the Port Authority,



the statements in interviews of people who worked in the Towers and who responded to the explosion were reminiscent of the 9/11 attacks – people talked about the confusion and the long descent down the staircases which in 1993 were in complete darkness.

Thousands of visitors who came into Tribute between February 23 and April 3 were able to see the exhibit. Surprisingly, many of the out-of-town and international visitors said they had not heard about the 1993 bombing. On February 26, 2007, family members who lost loved ones in 1993 attended a service at St. Peter's Church and a moment of silence at the WTC site. The families then proceeded to the Tribute Center where a ceremony was held. Family members presented photographs of their loved ones to Tribute. These photographs are now integrated into Tribute's Gallery 4 remembering the lives that were cut tragically short.

To submit a photograph of your loved one to the Tribute Center email info@tributenyc.org or call (212) 422-3520, ext 115.

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## **Tribute**

# 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 guide)

#### Safe Horizon

1-866-689-HELP (4357) TDD 1-800-810-7444 Ellen Fader 212-747-8581 Counseling for those affected by 9/11 and referrals. www.safehorizon.org

## 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

residents

516-679-0080 Free, faith-based mental health programs for Long Island

www.faithfulresponse.org

## St. Vincent's Health Center 212-346-2582

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

#### Bellevue Crisis Counseling World Trade Center Services

World Trade Center Services 212-562-1731

Mount Sinai Medical Center WTC Health Monitoring Program WTC Health Registry 212-241-6500

## **Recovery at WTC**

Since October 2006 when human remains were discovered in a Con Edison manhole along the western edge of the WTC site, New York City has initiated recovery operations for human remains in four sites around the WTC site. In a memo from the Mayor's office on March 12, 2007, the four sites that were identified for continued excavation are (1) the western edge of the site including under West Street; (2) the 140 Liberty Street parcel (the site of the St. Nicholas Greek Orthodox Church); (3) buildings and rooftops in the vicinity of the WTC site; and (4) manholes and other subterranean structures in the vicinity of the WTC site. The Office of the Chief Medical Examiner (OCME) has recovered 1,274 potential human remains from the additional excavation of these sites and is scheduled to complete search operations by November.

Excavation of the first site along the western edge of the site recovered 481 potential human remains that are being examined by the OCME. During excavation of this site, two 20-ton steel beams from the WTC were discovered that had been buried in place and portions of three steel beams were recovered that appeared to have been driven into the ground by the force of the Tower's collapse.

Excavation also revealed remnants of four access ramps to the WTC that, to varying degrees, extend under West Street. The OCME believes there could be additional WTC material (and thus possibly human remains) in the portions of the ramps that extend under West Street. The city is now working with the Port Authority and Department of Transportation to excavate the remainder of the ramps, thus leading to the temporary lane closures on West Street. The recovery operations along the western edge

of the WTC site are expected to be completed by mid-June.

The second site along 140 Liberty Street is bounded by Cedar Street, Washington Street, Liberty Street and the WTC site. Excavation began on February 10 and is expected to be complete by July 15.

The third excavation is on the surrounding buildings and rooftops. Searches of the Millennium Hotel at 55 Church Street and One Liberty Plaza are complete. The rooftops of 130 Cedar Street and Fiterman Hall and the first five floors of 130 Liberty Street (Deutsche Bank) remain to be searched. Preparations for the Deutsche Bank operation, where 766 potential human remains were recovered from the rooftop last spring, began on March 2. The OCME estimates the search will take approximately 3 months.

The fourth excavation of subterranean structures were identified by Con Edison, Verizon and DEP as 649 manholes, service boxes and structures bounded by Barclay Street, Broadway, Albany Street and the Hudson River. Estimates target completion by the end of May.

Sifting is taking place at the 39th Street Pier in Brooklyn where a mechanical trammel is used to separate fine soil material from material of interest that is then hand-sifted. Potential human remains are turned over to the OCME for DNA testing.

The OCME is monitoring each step and will do whatever it takes for as long as it takes to identify as many loved ones as possible. To date, 1,606 people have been identified of the 2,749 people killed at the World Trade Center.

#### **Tribute Website**

www.tributewtc.org

The Tribute Center is pleased to announce the launch of the first stage of our new website. Please visit www.tributewtc.org to participate in a virtual Person-to-Person experience. Visitors can learn more about the history of the World Trade Center and September 11<sup>th</sup> and find information to plan a visit to the Tribute Center. World-wide visitors can also get a sense of what is in each Tribute gallery and learn more about some of the objects and images (check out the virtual tour offered in each gallery section).

Every image, generously loaned by photographers, is interpreted with a related thought by an authentic voice from the 9/11 community. Visitors can roll over an image to read an excerpt of a story or click on the image to see it enlarged. To protect the privacy of our participants, we have not used names, but only the titles of those that have shared stories with us. The website introduces our unique Walking Tour Program and some of our volunteers. Captions are featured with pictures to give a sense of the humanity and personal stories. Captions will be rotated to share a broad diversity of stories over time. Comment cards from visitors are also shared.

In Stage 2, educational materials will be added for teachers and parents. We are currently developing our school programs and will be placing many resources online for teachers to use in their class-rooms and for parents to use at home. Many short video and audio stories will also be added in the next stages of our website. We would like your feedback and suggestions on how to develop the site.

Please send comments to exhibit@tributenyc.org with the subject line: website comments.

#### America's Camp

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"The programming is very well thought out," said one parent from the Boston area, whose 11-year-old son and 13-year-old daughter attended camp for their third summer. "The love and devotion of all the volunteers is evident in all that they do. They all are obviously professionals who know how to run a first-rate camp."

America's Camp is co-sponsored by CampGroup and the America's Camp Foundation. CampGroup is a partnership of 10 premier summer camps known for their safe, comprehensive programs and warm, caring communities. The directors of America's Camp are widely recognized as experienced leaders in the camping field.

For enrollment:
Call Director Andy Cole at (800) 548-6295
e-mail to andy@americascamp.org



## Tribute

# 100,000<sup>th</sup> Visitor to Tribute Center

100,000th visitor. Gwynnie Carder, 42, visiting New York from Salisbury, England, to celebrate her husband Nigel's 40th birthday, was the official 100,000th visitor. Tribute opened officially in a former deli on Liberty Street opposite the World Trade Center site on September 18, 2006.



After being welcomed at the entrance, the surprised Ms. Carder said she was very moved, "The real feeling for me is that I shouldn't actually be here. It never should have happened. We wanted to come down here. We saw it on TV, saw what happened, and we

On January 16th, just four months after opening, wanted to come visit and pay our respects." Along the Tribute WTC Visitor Center welcomed its with other New York landmarks like the New York Stock Exchange and the Statue of Liberty, Ms. Carder wanted to see the World Trade Center site. She said she felt drawn to the site. Lee lelpi, one of the founders of Tribute, presented Ms. Carder with a framed photograph of an American flag that was recovered from the World Trade Center site and also gave the group a personalized tour. "What they've done here is fascinating," Ms. Carder said. "It really paid respects to what happened on 9/11."

> Jennifer Adams, CEO and founder of the Tribute Center, said that the response from the public and visitors around the world has surpassed our expectations. "People stream in from every corner of this globe and are so moved. They see the terrible events through the eyes of those who experienced it first-hand. Visitors are touched by the humanity of all we lost and all who came to our aid," Ms.Adams said.

## **Tribute Programs**

This spring Tribute staff members are planning a series of temporary exhibits in the lower-level gallery as well as a series of public programs that will bring new ideas and new communities into Tribute. Temporary exhibits will focus on specific groups of people who were impacted by 9/11. The exhibits will not only reflect the response in 2001, but they will also show the ways in which people have made changes in their lives because of 9/11. The first exhibit, "Children's Responses to 9/11" will be on display from July until late October 2007. It will feature children's immediate responses to the attacks through art and poetry as well as their reflections over time.

The second exhibit, which will run from November 2007 through February 2008 will focus on "People Behind the Scenes" who played tremendous roles in getting the New York City back on its feet after 9/11. Transit workers, Sanitation workers, spiritual leaders and NYC school teachers will be featured.

The third exhibit, March - June 2008, will focus on the restoration of two Lower Manhattan neighborhoods, Battery Park City and Chinatown. People will be featured who provided leadership and did things they had never done before to rebuild their communities. This exhibit will also reveal ways in which these two very different neighborhoods, one relatively new and one long established, were each able to grow stronger and more unified as communities.

Each of these programs has been developed in consultation with Tribute advisory board members and partners. The Children's Responses to 9/11

exhibit has been planned in collaboration with the NYU Child Study Center and through the NYC Department of Education.

Public Programs, a series of workshops, talks and dialogues, began with a Community Poetry Reading in Gallery 5. Future programs will include two events related to the upcoming installation of Japanese origami cranes in our galleries. These cranes have been made by family and friends of the people who died at the Fuji Bank offices in Two World Trade Center, and were shipped to Tribute from Japan at the end of March. On May 6th at 3:00 pm there will be a Community Crane-Making workshop, and on Tuesday, May 22 at 7 pm there will be a talk by Kazuko Minamoto of the Japan Society on the meaning of the cranes in Japan particularly at the Hiroshima Peace Memorial.

Public Programs will take place at the Tribute Center on 120 Liberty Street. For a current listing of our events, please go to www.tributewtc.org.

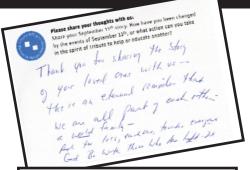


Students from Hiroshima Johoku High School, Japan present origami peace cranes at Tribute on March 16

#### Taoiseach Bertie Ahern Visits Tribute



On March 14th, Mayor Bloomberg welcomed Taoiseach Bertie Ahern, Prime Minister of Ireland, to the Tribute Center. Mayor Bloomberg encouraged all those who have never been to the Tribute Center to visit, saying that it is now part of our heritage. After complimenting the Tribute staff and volunteers, Mayor Bloomberg continued by saying, "Everyone who comes to New York should visit the Tribute Center to understand what happened here and have the opportunity to pay respect. We should not forget this attack against America and against all freedom-loving people around the world."





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?

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#### **Dates to Remember**

Tribeca Film Festival April 25 - May 6 www.tribecafilmfestival.com Supporting Lower Manhattan

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Another Taste of the Perfect Manhattan
The Billy Esposito Foundation
May 3, 6:00 - 10:00 PM
Hammerstein Ballroom
311 West 34 Street, NYC
www.acaringhand.org

Captain Martin Egan First Annual 5K Run

May 6, 10:00 AM
Midland Beach Picnic Area
Father Capodanno Blvd & Lincoln Ave
Staten Island, NY
www.sirunning.com/race2007

Todd Ouida Children's Foundation May 17, 7 - 10 PM

May 17, 7 - 10 PM Crash Mansion 199 Bowery St NYC www.mybuddytodd.org

Sixth Annual Brian Novotny Memorial Golf Outing

May 18, Shotgun 8:00 AM & 7:00 PM New York Country Club 103 Brick Church Road New Hempstead, NY 10977 www.briannovotny.com

> Mark Hindy Golf Classic The Mark Hindy Foundation

July 21
Long Island National Golf Club
www.markhindycf.org

Open for all 9/11 Families
Bring Memorial Park ID For Access

**OCME NYC Memorial Park** 

520 East 30th St, at 1st Avenue Call (212) 447-7884 for appointment

Family House at World Trade Center

Gate 10 on Church Street

Family Room

Overlooking World Trade Center site One Liberty Plaza, 20th Floor WTC Recovery Workers Register for Benefits by August 14, 2007

Register for New York State Workers' Compensation for 9/11-related illness. Even if you are healthy and have not experienced symptoms, all workers and volunteers are encouraged to register.

For information visit www.nycosh.ny.us or call 1-866-WTC-2556

WTC Medical Monitoring Program Registration (888) 702-0630 www.wtcexams.org

#### Donations in Memoriam

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