Employees from companies affected by the attacks of 9/11 came together to remember their friends and colleagues, celebrating the spirit of community on September 26, 2013. 600 volunteers joined the 9/11 Tribute Center, assembling 400 bicycles for children of active military in observance of National 9/11 Day of Service & Remembrance. The special event, held in partnership with the USO, was at the 69th Regiment Armory on Lexington Avenue. BNY Mellon was the presenting Chief Executive Leadership Sponsor.

This is the fifth consecutive year the 9/11 Tribute Center has held a service event for the National 9/11 Day of Service and Remembrance. Jennifer Adams, CEO, said, “Organizing today’s event for a broader range of volunteers, who are survivors and who lost colleagues on September 11, 2001, shares the spirit of remembering 9/11 in a positive way, and allows them to give back to our military and their families.”

Special guests attended, such as Greg Kelly from FOX 5 News, FDNY Commissioner Salvatore Cassano, FDNY Chief of Department Edward Kilduff, and Jay Winuk, the Co-founder of 9/11 National Day of Service and Remembrance. Volunteers from companies affected by 9/11 assembled bikes including BNY Mellon, American Express, AON, Cadwalader Wickersham & Taft, Deutsche Bank, HBO, Marsh & McLennan, Morgan Stanley, Pitta & Giblin LLP, Sandler O’Neill Partners, and Zurich.

“Whether they’re deployed or transitioning back into civilian life, our troops need to know that their families are being taken care of so they can focus on their work at hand. BNY Mellon is committed to supporting both active...
US Navy Visits NYC

November 8, 2013 was a beautiful view of New York Harbor as the US Navy sailed up the Hudson River. Visiting New York City for Veterans Day, the crew attended ceremonies and marched in the largest US Veterans Day parade up Fifth Avenue on Monday November 11, 2013. Hundreds of 9/11 family members were able to visit the ship while in port.

Prior to her arrival, the 9/11 Tribute Center organized special times for the crew to visit the Center and have personal guided tours with Tribute Center volunteers. Captain Jon Kreitz, Commander of the US Navy, allotted time for the crew to visit the 9/11 Tribute Center, 9/11 Memorial and World Trade Center.

2013 Day of Service & Remembrance (cont’d)

600 Volunteers from companies affected by 9/11 assemble bikes.

and returning military personnel and is proud to join with the USO and the 9/11 Tribute Center to give back to local military families,” said Daisey Holmes, Managing Director of Corporate Affairs at BNY Mellon. “The fact that so many of our employees volunteer for this event year after year demonstrates the deep commitment our company has for this cause and how much we appreciate everything our troops do to support our country.”

Army members from Fort Hamilton helped volunteers assemble bikes. Bikes were distributed to military families at Fort Hamilton, NY and to Naval Station Norfolk, VA including families of the crews of the US Navy and USS Arlington. Both ships were commissioned and named in memory of the attacks of 9/11.
9/11 EDUCATION

75 teachers hurried to the 9/11 Tribute Center to participate in our annual Teacher Open House after school, October 28, 2013. The Tribute education staff organized a treasure hunt for teachers to seek artifacts, images and stories that bring this local and international history to life. Tribute’s unique primary sources were the center of the activity and central to the Common Core Standards. It is our hope that many of these teachers will involve their students in a wide variety of classroom projects that explore how 9/11 has changed our society today, bringing what they learned in our Teacher Open House into their classrooms. We hope to build new school partnerships, see new student faces at the 9/11 Tribute Center this winter and inspire applicants for our annual teacher awards.

Social studies teachers in Milford, CT, Rachel Rowley and Mary Mannion, took Lee Ielpi’s 10th anniversary letter as a call to action, expressing his dismay that no state in the country had a curriculum in place for the attacks of 9/11, “Teachers in the U.S. and around the world have the opportunity to guide our young people to realize local and global avenues for change.” Ms. Rowley and Ms. Mannion decided that they would work to develop concrete lessons that addressed the history of the attacks and its outcomes.

Rowley and Mannion addressed the lack of 9/11 education in their school with other teachers in their district and developed a scaffolded curriculum that would build year after year for every student in grades 6-12. The district administration, from Superintendent Dr. Feser to Jonathan Law High School Principal Fran Thompson , supported their efforts and gave the teachers the go-ahead to develop this project. Mayor Benjamin Blake has also been very supportive in recognizing the project’s importance to the community.

The lessons begin in 6th grade with an assignment to conduct an oral history with an adult about their memory of 9/11. “We thought it would be a good idea for the conversation to begin at home,” commented teacher Melissa Rossi. The 7th grade World Geography students study terrorism, looking first at religiously motivated terrorism. “We have students who have come from other parts of the world where they were affected by terrorism,” teacher Cordelia Isiofia explained. “They are ready to learn about this.”

9/11 FAMILY FOUNDATION SPOTLIGHT

Visitors find great meaning and hope in learning about the meaningful work of 9/11 family foundations. The 9/11 Tribute Center spotlights 9/11 family foundations in the In Memoriam exhibition.

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WEB EXHIBIT: HEALING & REFLECTION

The 9/11 Tribute Center is launching a new online exhibit that gives insight into the meaning of its pioneering 9/11 Tour Guide program. Begun in 2005, the program gives people who directly experienced the attacks of September 11th the opportunity to tell their personal stories to visitors who are eager to hear them. The tour guides lead walking tours from the 9/11 Tribute Center to the 9/11 Memorial, and in the process tell the historical facts of the day and show visitors the Memorial, followed by an intimate recounting of their own 9/11 experiences. In this new exhibit, four of our tour guides tell their stories, and then reflect upon why they decided to participate in this program. Each person talks about what they have learned by being part of a 9/11 community that includes family members, survivors, first responders and Lower Manhattan residents. They also talk about how they connect with the people from all over the world who come to the World Trade Center seeking to meet a person who was actually there.

Kate McPadden Richardson former 9/11 Tribute Center volunteer shares insights from survey revealing the dedication of Tribute volunteers and post traumatic growth.

This exhibit was inspired by the academic research of one of the 9/11 Tribute Center’s first volunteer guides. Kate McPadden Richardson’s first husband, Robert McPadden, was a firefighter in the FDNY. After he was killed, she found meaning in telling her story to visitors who came to learn about these world-changing events. In listening to the stories of the other tour guides, Kate realized that the collective picture of all of their stories helped her to understand the larger historical significance of 9/11. She returned to school to complete a PhD, and began conducting research into the meaning of being a 9/11 Tribute Center guide.

Kate explains her work in one of the videos in the exhibit. “One of the things I’m interested in studying is how do people heal from traumatic events and experiences. And so I recently did another survey of the docents that explored the idea of post-traumatic growth. Why do people volunteer at Tribute? Why do people tend to stay? It’s very unique, unlike other volunteer programs, we have docents who have been with the organization 5, 6, 7 plus years which is really quite phenomenal, purely on a volunteer basis. People must be getting something out of it and that’s what I really wanted to explore.

What makes it very unique to the Tribute program is the idea of sharing the stories and learning more of the big picture from others, not just from other docents but from the visitors. I think being involved in Tribute has helped a lot of the docents make some positive changes in their lives. Being engaged in this program makes them feel they are doing something with this terrible experience that is helpful and positive and meaningful.”

To see all of the video in the new exhibit, 9/11 Tribute Center Tour Guides Reflect and Connect, go to our website, www.tributewtc.org.
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Visit www.911families.org and select "Events" for a full list of upcoming events.

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Saturday, December 7, 2013
Waltham, MA
Contact alyse.maserolle@massfund.org

Lorisa Taylor Memorial Scholarship Dinner Dance
Saturday, December 14, 2013
Brooklyn, NY
Call 718-813-8444 for details

Coombs Foundation Holiday Party for Military Families
Monday, December 16, 2013
Foxboro, MA
Visit www.jeffcoombsfund.org

The Michael Lynch Memorial Foundation Awarding College Scholarships
App deadline: Saturday, February 1, 2014
To apply, visit www.mlynch.org

9/11 Tribute Center Teacher Awards
Deadline to apply: Monday, January 27, 2013
Nominate a teacher or apply for teacher awards with a project description.
Email education@tributewtc.org

Commissioning of USS Somerset
Saturday, March 1, 2014
Penn’s Landing, Philadelphia, PA
Visit www.usssomersetcommissioning.org

9/11 TRIBUTE CENTER VOLUNTEER TRAINING PROGRAM
January 10th & 11th ∙ February 28th & March 1st