

## ABOUT THE SEPTEMBER 11<sup>th</sup> FUND

The September 11th Fund was established by The New York Community Trust and United Way of New York City to meet the immediate and longer-term needs of victims, families and communities affected by the terrorist attacks of September 11<sup>th</sup>. A second fund was created on September 21<sup>st</sup> from proceeds of the national telethon, "Tribute to Heroes" that was broadcast on the major television networks to aid victims and their families. Both funds operate as The September 11<sup>th</sup> Fund with a single board and staff. Administrative costs of the Fund have been raised separately, allowing 100% of donations to support organizations and agencies that provide financial assistance and services. The Fund supports the toll-free Safe Horizon September 11<sup>th</sup> Support Hotline 866-689-HELP, and an online resource guide for people affected by the tragedy is available at [www.september11fund.org](http://www.september11fund.org).

### Resources:

\$337 million pledged  
\$300+ million collected  
\$63 million in grants distributed (11/30/01)  
105 grants made in first 80 days after the disaster

#### *The September 11<sup>th</sup> Fund*

Helps meet the immediate and long-term needs of victims, families and communities affected by the terrorist attacks of September 11<sup>th</sup>  
\$200+ million collected  
\$39.5 million in grants distributed as of 11/30/01

#### *The September 11<sup>th</sup> Telethon Fund*

Helps meet the immediate and long-term needs of victims and families.  
\$101 million collected  
\$23.5 million in grants distributed as of 11/30/01

### Results from Grantees:

- Safe Horizon distributed 20,449 checks to 18,000 individuals.
- Disaster Psychiatry Outreach provided grief counseling to 1,700 rescue workers, and 1,700 victims and their families.
- The Consortium for Worker Education handled 17,063 calls, 1,600 walk-ins, and matched resumes and jobs for 3,433.
- Cross-Cultural Solutions assisted 6,400 victims and families, served 139,000 meals to rescue workers, and placed 4,000 volunteers.
- NY Cares managed 250 relief projects, provided volunteers for 20 agencies, and trained 90 Team Leaders.
- Npower assisted 43 affected organizations and relief agencies with donated and purchased technology including 52 laptop computers, 95 desktop computers, 1 server, 3 hubs and 5 printers plus software.
- Community and ethnic newspapers published information for immigrants and non-English speaking people.

### Helping people find help:

The Safe Horizon September 11<sup>th</sup> Support Hotline 866-689-HELP provides information, referrals and crisis counseling. An online resource guide is available at [www.september11fund.org](http://www.september11fund.org)  
Both are supported by the Fund.

How grants are distributed: By finding, choosing and funding nonprofit organizations and agencies with the expertise and ability to meet a wide range of needs. The expertise and experience of the New York Community Trust and the United Way of New York City have enabled the Fund to move quickly and efficiently.

What grants support: Grants support organizations that provide both financial assistance and services (sometimes including the costs of providing those services) such as mental health counseling, job retraining, and legal assistance.

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**Timeline**

Sept. 11 United Way of New York City and The New York Community Trust create September 11<sup>th</sup> Fund

Sept. 21 “America: Tribute to Heroes” telethon broadcast

Sept. 22 Safe Horizon writes first checks to victims with Fund’s first grant of \$7.5 million

Oct. 30 Grant distribution reaches \$34 million

Nov. 30 105 grants distributed totaling \$63 million

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