

The September 11th Fund

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ASSISTANCE FROM SEPTEMBER 11TH FUND CONTINUES

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NEW YORK – The September 11th Fund, established by The New York Community Trust and United Way of New York City, has awarded an additional 28 grants to continue to meet the immediate needs of victims, their families, and communities affected by the tragic events of September 11th. The 28 new grants awarded November 9-30 total \$14.7 million.

The September 11th Telethon Fund, a separate fund created specifically to assist victims and their families with donations collected through the “America: A Tribute to Heroes” telethon has distributed an additional \$9.5 million for a total of \$23.5 million in grants for emergency cash assistance.

“Providing grants to organizations with the expertise and ability to provide whatever help is needed has allowed the Fund to address quickly the broad array of emergency needs that have arisen,” said Joshua Gotbaum, Chief Executive Officer of The September 11th Fund.

More than \$300 million of the \$337 million pledged to the fund has been collected, \$101 million of which has been collected through the Telethon. A combined total of 105 grants have been made from both funds totaling \$63 million.

Results

In the first 11 weeks the 105 grants from The September 11th Fund have made it possible for:

- Safe Horizon and local United Ways throughout the tri-state area to distribute more than 25,000 checks to individuals.
- Disaster Psychiatry Outreach to provide grief counseling to 1,700 rescue and recovery workers, and 1,700 victims and their families (including 300 children)
- The Consortium for Worker Education to handle 17,063 calls, 1,600 walk-ins, and match resumes and jobs for 3,433 individuals.
- Cross-Cultural Solutions to assist 6,400 victims and families, serve over 139,000 meals to rescue workers, and place nearly 4,000 volunteers to help with the relief efforts.
- NY Cares to manage 250 relief projects, provide volunteers for 20 agencies including American Red Cross, Salvation Army, Office of Emergency Management, among others, and train 90 Team Leaders.
- Npower to assist 43 affected organizations with donated and purchased technology including 52 laptop computers, 95 desktop computers, 1 server, 3 hubs and 5 printers.

EXAMPLES OF THE 28 NEW GRANTS AWARDED NOVEMBER 9-30 INCLUDE:

Safe Horizon: Emergency Cash Assistance

Safe Horizon has been providing direct cash assistance and other crucial disaster relief services to those directly affected by the tragedy. As of November 27, Safe Horizon is mailing checks to families of victims instead of requiring them to return or apply for financial assistance in person. To simplify the assistance process, Safe Horizon has also created the 24-hour Safe Horizon September 11th Support Hotline **(866) 689-HELP**.

Recognizing that some people still need assistance, The September 11th Fund has funded "How To Get Help" initiatives including a resource guide and hotline. Television, radio and print Public Service Announcements supporting the Safe Horizon September 11th Support Hotline (1-866-689-HELP or 4357) were created pro-bono by advertising agency D'Arcy Masius Benton & Bowles and are being distributed by The Advertising Council.

National Organization for Victim Assistance: Emergency Services

To supply teams of counselors to serve as companions for victims' families at Liberty State Park Family Service Center in New Jersey and Ground Zero, The September 11th Fund provided a grant for air fares, hotel, transportation and per diem costs for 250 volunteers. NOVA also provided crisis counseling for The Port Authority Police who lost 37 members.

Asian American Federation of New York (AAF): Rebuilding Communities

Located 12 blocks from the World Trade Center, Chinatown businesses have been severely impacted due to barriers and blockades restricting commerce to the area. To assist with financial, social and psychological support for Chinatown businesses and residents, the Fund provided a grant to this organization. They will provide emergency food service for senior citizens, trauma counseling, assist individuals and businesses with completing applications for benefits, and offer translation services.

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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 11th. A second fund was created on September 21st 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 11th 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 11th Support Hotline 866-689-HELP, and an online resource guide for people affected by the tragedy is available at www.september11fund.org.

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