

New Jersey Family Assistance Center



Update:

April 19, 2005

Message from Acting Governor Codey



*Richard J. Codey,
Acting Governor*

Family Advocate Program Update:

As you are aware, the Governor's Family Advocate Program (FAP) has assisted nearly 700 of our State's families in the aftermath of the September 11th Terrorist Attacks. FAP advocates have helped families receive services, access benefits and cope with loss in the tragedy's aftermath.

It has been our State's privilege to serve you over the past three and a half years. In recent months, however, we have been operating the FAP with just eight advocates as many families no longer use our services. Because of this decline in need, FAP is being phased down, and as of June 30, 2005, assistance will be available through our non-profit provider agencies. As always, the Governor's Office of Recovery and Victim Assistance (ORVA) will continue to support the agencies and provide assistance to the families. The FAP's goal is to make this transition seamless for you. Should you have any questions or future needs, please call 866-652-7474.

The FAP hopes that our services, rendered through the good graces of our advocates, their agencies, our funders and staff, will be thought of as a unique contribution to the families and survivors of the September 11th 2001 Terrorist Attacks.

We hope that everyone served by the FAP will live in peace and well-being.

New Jersey's 9/11 Memorial

The Office of Recovery and Victim Assistance (ORVA) is reaching out to the next of kin of the New Jersey residents who died in the September 11th 2001 Terrorist Attacks.

The "Empty Sky" Memorial designed by Architect Frederic Schwartz is scheduled to open later this year at Liberty State Park in Jersey City. This uniquely New Jersey memorial will list the names of all New Jerseyans who perished at the World Trade Center, the Pentagon and on Flight 93.

In order to ensure that the deceased's name is spelled in accordance with family wishes, Governor Richard Codey has written to the next of kin of the victims, asking them to fill out a form and spell their loved one's name

exactly as they wish it to appear on the memorial.

In New Jersey, a surviving spouse is the next of kin. If there is no surviving spouse, a surviving parent becomes the next of kin. If there is no surviving spouse or surviving parent, a surviving child becomes the next of kin.

If you are a New Jersey victim's next of kin, please take the time to fill out the memorial form and return it to ORVA. If you have lost or misplaced the form, please contact ORVA at **609-777-1248** to obtain another.

If you know of a New Jersey next of kin who has not received a memorial form, please let ORVA know, at the number above, so that we may contact them directly.

Spring Information Forum

VOICES of September 11th will be hosting a Spring Information Forum on **April 30, 2005** from 10am to 3pm. Our Forum will have focus groups for Mental Health, The Medical Examiner, Summer Camps, Scholarship information, Financial Planners and much more. We will be mailing the full list of providers in the near future. Please email us at dwestfal@voicesofsept11.org or call us toll-free at **866-505-3911** with any needs or suggestions.

Info Hotline: 866-652-7474 • www.nj.gov/wtc

Providing Help for September 11 Victims and Their Families

Port Authority Undertakes to Locate Owners of Photos Recovered from World Trade Center Site

The Port Authority is providing a Web site (www.panynj.gov/wtci) where images of approximately 8,000 personal photos recovered from the World Trade Center site after September 11, 2001, can be reviewed as part of a process to determine the owners of the photos. Families may access the photos using the password which was mailed to each one. Employees of former World Trade Center tenants will be provided similar access later this year.

The website contains images of the restored photos that were collected after September 11, 2001, from the World Trade Center site. After being recovered, the photos were restored by Kodak employees. Each image - most are personal photographs that people had in their offices - has an identifying number on it.

The photos are in the custody of the New York Police Department, which will handle claims for the photos as they are identified by families and former tenants.

Web Site Created to Return WTC Victims' Jewelry to Families

The New York City Police Department has set up the World Trade Center Jewelry Recovery Web site to facilitate return of jewelry items: www.nyc.gov/html/nypd/html/wtcproperty/home.html

Approximately 650 pieces of jewelry remain unclaimed. These pieces include watches and wedding rings. Claims for jewelry will be accepted by the New York City Police Department Property Clerk Division until May 31, 2005.

Claimant will be asked to provide documentation of proof of ownership such as receipts, pictures, appraisals, etc. To submit jewelry claims and for more information, please visit the following Web site: www.nyc.gov/html/nypd/html/wtcproperty/home.html

Summer Camps

❖ America's Camp:

Lenox, MA; no cost, week long, sleep away camp for children ages 7-15 who lost a parent in the September 11th, 2001 Terrorist Attacks. For more information, please call **800-548-6295** or visit: www.americascamp.org

❖ Camp Better Days:

Island Lake Camp, Starucca PA; August 17-25; no-cost; for children 6-14 who lost loved ones September 11th, 2001 Terrorist Attacks (parents, uncles, aunts, cousins, siblings, any other close relative); For more information, please call **973-618-9770** or visit: www.thebetterdaysfoundation.org

❖ Camp Haze:

Camp Kennybrook, Monticello, NY; August 20-26; no-cost; for children 7-12 who lost a loved one September 11th, 2001 Terrorist Attacks; For more information, please call: **908 665-9092**; www.camphaze.org

❖ Camp Comfort Zone:

Camp Mason, Blairstown, NJ; April 29 -May 1; no-cost; for children 7-17 who lost a parent, guardian or sibling in the September 11th, 2001 Terrorist Attacks; for more information, please call: **866 488-5679**, or visit: www.comfortzonecamp.org

❖ Camp Sunshine:

July 24-29; no-cost; for children of victims of the September 11th, 2001 Terrorist Attacks and their Families; for more information, please call **207-655-3800**, or visit: www.campsunshine.org

Storycorps

An initiative to preserve stories of the victims of the September 11th tragedy has been created by StoryCorps. Launched in October 2003, by documentary producer David Isay in partnership with the Library of Congress, StoryCorps is designed to give everyday individuals the opportunity to interview anyone about his or her life. More than 1500 interviews have been recorded. You can listen to excerpts of some of these interviews at

www.storycorps.net

StoryCorps enables you to record your memories of those lost on 9/11 and preserve these stories at the Library of Congress for generations to come. You record with an interview partner, and honor your friend or loved one who perished on that tragic day.

To make a reservation, please contact Emily Feit at **646-723-7025** or emily@storycorps.net. You will be scheduled at one of StoryCorps's interview booths with your interview partner for a 40-minute session. At the booth, a trained facilitator will explain the process and help you choose questions to ask during the session. An on-line 'Question Gen-

erator' is also provided at the Web site, www.storycorps.net, for you to prepare for your interview.

At the end of the session, you receive an audio CD of your interview to take home. With your permission, the second CD becomes part of an oral history of America at the Library of Congress. StoryCorps also plans to donate a copy of your CD to the World Trade Center memorial. These recordings will preserve the legacies of your loved ones and will allow future generations to remember all that was lost on that day.

New Jersey Family Advocate
Management Web site:

www.njfam.org