

Paint By Numbers

One of the highlights of VOICES Tenth Anniversary Information Forum and Commemorative Luncheon in New York City was the opportunity for participants to contribute to the Paint By Numbers “Gone But Not Forgotten” canvas. The Paint By Numbers corner of the exhibit space was lively with people showing their artistry while sharing stories of their experiences over the last ten years.

This project was created by Dan Robbins, the inventor of the childhood classic Paint By Numbers. This original painting shows the New York City skyline with the Twin Towers portrayed as ghosted images. Dan saw this as a “unique and meaningful way to reflect on the past, remember those who were lost, and work together to complete a masterpiece that reflects the resiliency of the city.”

Some of the participants showed more artistry in their painting than others. All agreed that it was an enjoyable way to pass the time during a very emotional weekend.

“This was definitely a ‘feel good’ experience. I remember that one family member said that he wanted to paint in purple because that was his mother’s favorite color. Quite a few said they wanted to paint trees because they are living things. Some families painted quietly, while others were clearly enjoying the experience.”

~ Jeanette Costello, VOICES Volunteer

The painting is now on display at the VOICES New Brunswick office. There are still a few sections to fill in. Members of the 9/11 community are encouraged to come and show off their Paint By Numbers expertise. For those who would prefer to paint in the privacy of their own homes,



you can order your own “Gone But Not Forgotten” kit on the Voices of September 11th website.

