

# 2013 Annual Report



## Voices of September 11th About Us

VOICES helps families heal after tragedy, a vital mission that began after 9/11. Today, the organization continues to address the long-term needs of those impacted by 9/11, while helping communities prepare for, respond to, and recover from other acts of mass violence and disasters.

Most plans to assist those impacted by mass violence focus exclusively on the short-term response, essentially assuming that “time heals all wounds.”

VOICES believes that this view is insufficient. Over time, victims lose support from friends, family and the community. However, for many, the hard work of healing continues. That is why VOICES believes that providing long-term support services is essential.

Since 2001, our social work staff has worked closely with those impacted by mass violence. They have developed programs that promote resiliency and address the evolving needs of victims’ families and survivors.

Since its beginnings, VOICES has evolved to meet the ongoing needs of the 9/11 community, developing support services and educational programs based on the ongoing assessment of our members. The newsletter informs over 16,000 registered members living in the United States and abroad. The work of the organization has included:

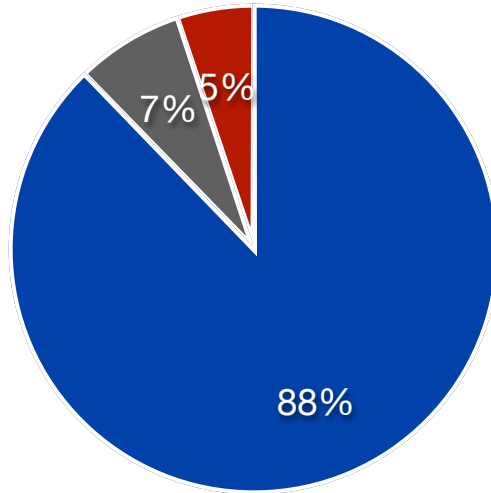
- ❖ Distribution of information via emails and newsletters
- ❖ Advocacy on a wide range of issues relevant to the 9/11 community
- ❖ In person and teleconference support groups and focus groups
- ❖ Anxiety and depression screenings
- ❖ Annual Information Forums on September 10th
- ❖ Annual Commemorative Luncheon on September 11th
- ❖ Interfaith Services
- ❖ 9/11 Living Memorial Project
- ❖ Publication of the “Always remember” 10th Anniversary Commemorative Book

## About the 9/11 Living Memorial Project

The VOICES 9/11 Living Memorial Project chronicles the nearly 3,000 lives lost and documents stories of the survivors. An extensive collection of over 70,000 photographs and personal keepsakes, it will be a core component of the exhibits of the 9/11 Museum in NYC.

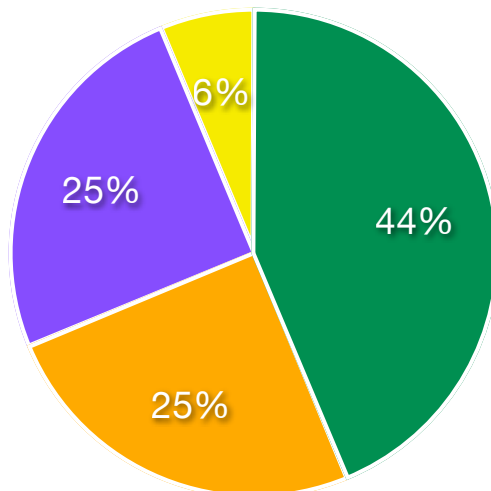
## Expenses

● Program Services    ● Fundraising    ● Management and General



## Sources of Support and Revenue

● Contributions    ● Government Grants    ● Foundation Grants    ● Bequests



## **2013 Forums and Events**

### Speaker Series Events, New Jersey office

- ❖ Getting Organized
- ❖ Managing Stress
- ❖ Chan Meditation
- ❖ Creative Empowerment

NBC4 New York Giants Health & Fitness Expo, NJ - June 22 - 23

9/11 Day of Remembrance / Information Forum, NYC – 9/10

9/11 Anniversary Luncheon, NYC 9/11

“Day of Remembrance and Service” ceremony, Newark, NJ, 9/11

Clinton Global Initiative, NYC – 9/24 thru 9/26

Community Events for First Responders

9/11 Living Memorial Workshops - Ongoing

## **VOICES Social Work Activity**

Support Services

Teleconference Groups

Events on Site

General Outreach

Case Management

9/11 Living Memorial Project

Referrals for Advanced Mental Health Services

## VOICES Key Initiatives 2013

### The World Trade Center Health Program

The program provides services for responders, workers, and volunteers who helped with rescue, recovery, and cleanup at the World Trade Center and related sites in New York City

- ❖ Outreach to 50,000+ Rescue Workers and Survivors
- ❖ Create Brochure / Public Service Announcements



Voices of September 11th/ Mental Health Association of NYC Help Line: 203-594-9787

### Research Project

VOICES continued a two-year research project to document best practices that will educate professionals, service providers and communities impacted by acts of mass violence or natural disasters.



### Robert Wood Johnson Foundation Grant

A generous grant from the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation is funding three key initiatives:

- ❖ The creation of a new interactive website for both the organization and the 9/11 Living Memorial Project
- ❖ A conference at Rutgers University School of Social Work that will explore the immediate, short term and long term needs of those impacted by a traumatic event.
- ❖ A comprehensive study investigating the needs of family members, responders and survivors for support services post 9/11, including what services were needed, their experiences with the providers, and their present symptoms.



## VOICES Collaborative Partners



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The Children's Network  
The Mental Health Association of New York City  
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United Hospice of Rockland  
United Way of Central Jersey  
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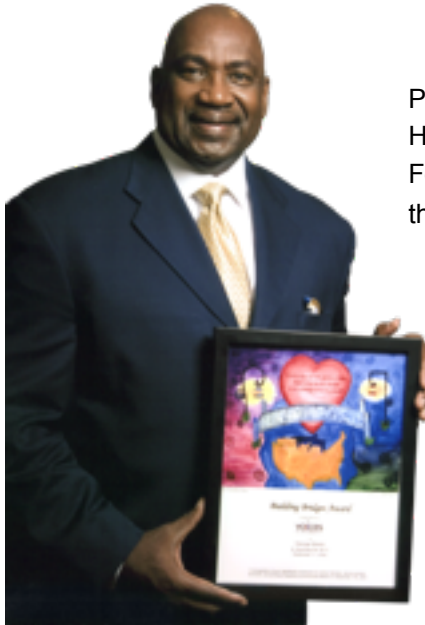


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Oppenheimer Funds  
Sorin Management  
State Street Global Advisors  
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Tower Group Companies  
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## Building Bridges Award

In 2013, Voices of September 11th gave the Building Bridges Award to Raymond W. Kelly, Police Commissioner for the City of New York. Initiated in 2004, the award recognizes individuals who have made significant contributions to the 9/11 community. The plaque includes a painting created by 13 year-old Bethany Roddy of Tacoma, Washington. Above the bridge is a heart with this inscription, "Every day we are given stones. But what do we build? Is it a bridge or a wall?"



Past recipients have included President Bill Clinton, Former Secretary of State Hillary Rodham Clinton, Former Prime Minister Tony Blair, Mayor Rudolph Giuliani, Former Homeland Security Secretary Janet Napolitano, Brian Williams, the Robin Hood Foundation and New York Giant George Martin.

## Where will VOICES go from here?

VOICES will announce the establishment of the Center of Excellence for Community Resilience, which will share lessons learned and promote healing in the lives of those impacted by disasters.

