

OUR THANKS - ALWAYS REMEMBER

Dear Families and Friends,

Thanks to each of you who attended VOICES Second Annual Always Remember Benefit in New York City – your heartfelt support is very much appreciated.

It was a fantastic evening and we are receiving rave reviews! What an honor it was to have President Clinton, Jon Bon Jovi and Joan Lunden support VOICES efforts to create the 9/11 Living Memorial Project.

Our evening host, Joan Lunden, shared a touching story about how VOICES 9/11 Living Memorial Project inspired Joan's own personal journey to document the life of her father who had passed away when she was young. Her remarks reinforced the importance of our work to provide a VOICE for families and survivors to create meaningful tributes of their loved ones for future generations.

President Clinton gave an inspirational keynote address urging people to focus on our common humanity rather than differences. He spoke eloquently about the importance of VOICES 9/11 Living Memorial:

"The historic significance of this endeavor, doing this so soon after 9/11 when so many of the survivors' families are still around and people who worked with them, people who know, I can't tell you how important this is for history." As many of you know, President Clinton has been very supportive of the 9/11 community and we are especially grateful for his support of VOICES work to create the 9/11 Living Memorial Project

And what can I say about Jon Bon Jovi and his band? WOW! In addition to singing inspirational songs, Jon shared his personal experience on 9/11. His moving story and memories of the day and weeks that followed are clearly etched in his mind. He finished off the night with a rendition of "Here Comes the Sun" which is an uplifting message of his hope and our resiliency. Jon's philanthropy and commitment to the renewal of New York is an inspiration for us all!

Preparing for an event is always a time of personal reflection as I reach out to the many individuals that have supported our efforts over the past eight years. Certainly our special guests are at the top of this year's list – President Clinton, Jon Bon Jovi and Joan Lunden. A special thank you to Brian Williams for lending his voice to our video.

Also, a heartfelt thank you to Honorary Chairman, Governor Tom Kean and Alice Greenwald, Director of the National September 11 Memorial & Museum, for her compelling presentation. VOICES is excited about our newly announced partnership with the museum and look forward to our Living Memorial content being a key permanent exhibit once the museum is built.

In addition, our sincere appreciation to the event committee especially co-chairs - Bonnie McEneaney, Kevin and Debby McEneaney. And, finally, thank you to the long list of dedicated staff, volunteers and everyone else who played a part in making June 8th a very memorable evening that we will Always Remember!!