Ken, volunteer firefighter

They call it 9/11 lung syndrome. That's what the government calls it. They don't know what it is. It's not emphysema. But they can't tell me what it is. If it wasn't for this—the 9/11 health program—I don't know where I'd be right now. I might be dead from my asthma or whatever. I tell everybody to come here.

Danny, NYPD detective

The streets were full of people. We found ourselves near Ground Zero and joined the bucket brigade ... We felt we had to do something. There were so many different agencies, so many different people, whether it was EMTs, fire department guys, civilians. When they say heroes - there's a lot of people involved. It's all kinds of people.

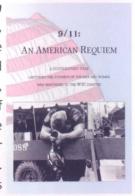
Remembering 9/11 has given us the opportunity to share these important stories in other ways.



We're Not Leaving is a collection of powerful firstperson narratives told from the vantage point of WTC disaster workers: police officers, firefighters, construction workers, and other volunteers at the site. We're Not Leaving

spans that harrowing day; the subsequent rescue and recovery efforts; and the ongoing effects on responders. At the heart of every story is evidence of the kinds of personal strength and resilience that are testaments to the power of the human spirit.

9/11: An American Requiem is the poignant, inspiring story of the journeys of many World Trade Center responders, from their memories of the hellish scene of the disaster on 9/11 to their renewal ten years later. This unique film records the intimate, unfiltered



accounts of responders, relating sorrow and pain while also celebrating our human ability to transcend unimaginable hardships.



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John, security manager and retired NYPD officer

When the opportunity arose to do this oral history, even though I had some trepidation about it, I thought it might be a good idea for me, to kind of put it in perspective, and maybe sort it out a little bit better than I had been, in a safe setting.

Jennifer, attorney and widow of FDNY firefighter

I go to every wake that I can go to, just to hold the hand of another widow because I had that, and I know that's important. I just think it's important for those widows to know they're not alone. There's a lot of us out there. A lot of widows, a lot of young, very young children. I think it's important to support other people.







Ensure that your story is not lost to time—document your role as a 9/11 responder.







It's your story. We're just here to help you tell it.

While treating responders at the Stony WTC Wellness Program / Long Island Clinical Center of Excellence at Stony Brook Medicine in the years after September 11th, medical director Dr. Benjamin Luft and his colleagues realized that offering medical care wasn't enough—they needed to make sure the important legacy of responders was preserved. With a lot of hard work, the project was founded in 2009 with five willing responders; a handful of faculty, staff, and students from Stony Brook and Hofstra University; a video camera; and not much else.

The project is now the crowning achievement of our program's outreach and education efforts, with an archive of hundreds of interviews—and more being added every week. We've captured the stories of emergency responders, WTC disaster workers, volunteers, family members, and more, and we want to hear your story, too.

If you'd like to learn more about this project, contact us:

(631)822-4817 remembering911@wtcwellnessprogram.org

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This project gives responders a much-needed voice, but it's also given our local and national communities the chance to better understand the continuing impact of this disaster and its unprecedented effects on the lives, health, and legacies of thousands of people.

Ultimately, Remembering 9/11 will serve as the largest collection of eyewitness testimony of the 9/11 disaster response effort and its impact on the people involved. The Project will donate the collection in its entirety to the American Folklife Center at the Library of Congress in Washington, DC, where it will have a permanent home available to the public. We're continuously working to expand the reach of Remembering 9/11, creating partnerships with various other organizations and additional creative projects.