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Tribute WTC Visitors Center Exhibit, “Coming Together: Our Children Respond to 9/11 with Hope for the Future”

Produced in Collaboration with the NYU Child Study Center

NEW YORK (JULY 6) - The **Tribute WTC Visitors Center** will host a new exhibition, **Coming Together: Our Children Respond to 9/11 with Hope for the Future**, from July 18, 2007 through January 18, 2008. Produced in collaboration with the NYU Child Study Center, the exhibit will feature paintings, collages and multimedia created between 2001 and 2006 by children in New York, New Jersey and Pennsylvania.

“The most important aspect of this exhibit is that it not only acknowledges the confusion, fear and sorrow we all felt in the fall of 2001, it also allows us to see the desire that so many young people have for a more humane world,” said Meriam Lobel, the exhibit’s curator.

The artwork ranges from a 17-year-old’s drawing of her mournful, immigrant mother reading a newspaper, headlined “Attacks Take Toll on Young America’s Psyche,” to an 11-year-old’s black-and-white collage of the Twin Towers rising into the sky.

The exhibit will also feature two of the many quilts created by schools across the country. One of those quilts, saved by airline crewmember Tanya Hoggard, who collected art from fire stations in NYC, hangs at the entrance to the exhibition.

Excerpts from two media productions from NYC elementary schools, PS 22 in Staten Island and PS 5 in Inwood, as well as a documentary from St. Peter’s Prep in Jersey City,

are also featured in the exhibit. In the video from PS 22, students discuss “taking back 9/11 from the terrorists.” And a young child named Osama tells of his experience attending school for the first time in the 2001-02 school year, when other children shunned him for his name.

All of the work in the exhibit was created with the support of parents and teachers who recognized the strong need young people had and have to express their reactions to the catastrophic events of 9/11/01. The voices of children, parents and teachers from around the city, the nation and the world are interwoven throughout the exhibit and verbalize the transitions of response from fear and confusion, to compassion and unity, to hope for the future that is also reflected in the artwork.

A handout at the exhibit provides language and art activities for young people and suggestions for parents on ways to discuss traumatic events with their children. Extensive resources for parents and teachers are available on the NYU Child Study Center’s website, www.AboutOurKids.org.

The exhibit will run concurrently with a series of family programs at Tribute from August through December of this year, including, art workshops and choral performances. A schedule can be found at the Tribute Center’s website, www.tributewtc.org, where people can also find information on community service projects for students and families.

About the Tribute WTC Visitors Center

Tribute WTC Visitors Center is located at 120 Liberty Street along the south side of the World Trade Center site. Since opening in September 2006, it has hosted more than 200,000 visitors. Tribute WTC Visitor Center is a project of the September 11th Families’ Association, which created the Center to connect visitors to the World Trade Center site with people who experienced the events of 9/11 firsthand.

The Tribute Center’s five galleries and its walking tour program are both based upon the personal stories of many different people whose lives were deeply impacted by attacks on February 26, 1993 and September 11, 2001. The Center is open seven days a week: Mondays, and Wednesdays through Saturdays, from 10AM to 6 PM; Tuesdays from noon until 6 PM; and Sundays from 1noon to 5 PM. For further information please visit our website, www.tributewtc.org. For school or group reservations of 10 or more people, please contact Tribute Visitor Services at (866) 737-1184.

About the NYU Child Study Center

The NYU Child Study Center has worked with schools in Lower Manhattan and with families throughout the metropolitan region since the fall of 2001 to help both children and adults cope with the events of 9/11/01. Some of the artwork in *Coming Together* was on display at an earlier exhibition produced with the Museum of the City of New York in 2002, and was published in the book *The Day Our World Changed*. For more information about the Child Study Center, visit www.AboutOurKids.org or call 212 263 26622.

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