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Sadako and the 1,000 Cranes Kamishibai Storytelling and Origami Crane Making

On **Saturday, August 7, 2010**, beginning at **11am**, the **Tribute WTC Visitor Center** and **Japan Society** will present a storytelling program for children about the legendary Sadako Sasaki and her 1,000 origami cranes. After Sadako's death from leukemia at the age of 12, she and her paper cranes became an international symbol of the wish for peace. The event will be presented through a traditional Japanese theatrical storytelling art form, *kamishibai*, using large picture cards to illustrate key points in Sadako's childhood. The storyteller narrates the story with great dynamism, bringing the drama to life using the intonation of different characters. Participants in the workshop will have the exciting opportunity to see one of Sadako's original cranes, which was donated to the Tribute WTC Visitor Center by Sadako's brother, Masahiro Sasaki, and dedicated in a display in May of this year.

The beautiful, originally designed *kamishibai* cards used for this presentation were created for the Tribute Center by the Stanford Program on International and Cross Cultural Education (SPICE) program at Stanford University in a partnership to foster education about ways to work towards peace. **The storyteller will narrate the story in Japanese at an 11:00 am session and in English at noon. Children attending either session will learn how to fold origami cranes at 11:30 am.**

Admission to the program is free but reservations are recommended. Please email rsvp@tributewtc.org to confirm attendance.

About the Tribute WTC Visitor Center

The Tribute WTC Visitor Center is located at 120 Liberty Street along the south side of the World Trade Center site. The center was created by the September 11th Families' Association to share the personal stories of victims, survivors, rescue and recovery workers, volunteers, and residents of Lower Manhattan. By engaging visitors in the authentic experiences of those most affected by the events of February 26, 1993 and September 11, 2001, the center's five galleries and its walking tour program convey the courage, loss, heroism, grief and humanity of those who responded to the tragedy.

The Tribute WTC Visitor 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 noon to 5 PM. Walking tours around the perimeter of Ground Zero are also conducted daily. 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.

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