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WOMEN AT GROUND ZERO

In recognition of Women's History Month, the **Tribute WTC Visitor Center** will present a program on **Tuesday, March 23, 2010 at 6:30pm** featuring Susan Hagen and Mary Carouba discussing their book ***Women at Ground Zero: Stories of Courage and Compassion***. The two native Californians share the story of how they traveled to New York City a few weeks after the attacks to find and interview female firefighters, police officers, paramedics and other rescue workers who were left out of the national conversation. The authors were concerned that the media wasn't acknowledging women who were heroes and could be seen as role models for girls and young women considering careers in public safety.

As a firefighter/EMT herself, Susan Hagen was able to understand the courage of the female firefighters, police officers and EMTs who responded alongside their male colleagues to the horrific attacks at the World Trade Center. Social worker Mary Carouba had much experience talking with people under duress. In their book, the two authors recorded the vivid first person accounts of 30 women who talk about their experiences on September 11th and in the aftermath of the attacks. The book includes a tribute to the three women first responders who died that day: Yamel Merino, EMT; Police officer Moira Smith, NYPD; and Captain Kathy Mazza, PAPD.

Two women from NYC's uniformed services, Deputy Inspector Terri Tobin, NYPD and Firefighter Regina Wilson, FDNY will be present to share their stories.

The program includes a powerful audio-visual component that allows audience members to experience the events of 9/11 through the eyes of female rescue workers who share positive insights about life in the wake of this tragic event. The two authors also share updates from newer interviews conducted with the same women whose stories appeared in their first book. These updates will form the basis for their second book, due to publish in 2011, the tenth anniversary of 9/11.

This event is **free and open to the public by reservation only**. To reserve a space, please contact rsvp@tributewtc.org.

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, grief and heroism of those who responded to the tragedy, and the steps towards a more peaceful world taken by many of those deeply impacted by September 11th.

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.

The Tribute WTC Visitor Center's School Program and Website for teachers help both students and teachers construct a deeper understanding of the importance of these historic events in their lives, in our city, nation and the world at large and empower students to become more active in humanitarian action in their communities. For more information please visit <http://www.tributewtc.org/programs>

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