

CATHOLIC CHARITIES DIOCESE OF PATERSON
SEPTEMBER 11, 2001 DISASTER
RESPONSE CHRONOLOGY

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September 2001

- Began providing direct financial assistance
- Began gathering & disseminating resource materials
- Offered counseling services
- Bishop Rodimer authorized Diocesan-wide collection to establish a 9/11 Disaster Relief Fund
- Established job placement service for displaced workers
- Conducted fax/email/telephone survey of every parish in the Diocese to identify affected persons
- Provided financial assistance to the Morris area, Sussex, and Metropolitan New Jersey Chapters of the Red Cross

October 2001

- Cathedral Concert series presented Mozart's Requiem on 10/14/01 in honor of the victims and heroes of 9/11
- Established computerized prayer board on Catholic Charities web site
- Published first edition of "Come Together-A Guide to Disaster Awareness"
- Provided financial assistance to Catholic Charities in the Diocese of Brooklyn and Rockville Centre and the Archdiocese of New York
- Presented workshop for parents of pre-school children on "Talking to Children About Disasters"
- Joined the Interfaith Partnership for Disaster Recovery

December 2001

- Bishop Rodimer sends special Christmas greeting and gift to affected families
- Developed and circulated Coping with the Holidays and Other Special Occasions"
- With grant funds from CCUSA established a case management program for affected persons

January 2002

- With grant funds from CCUSA hired a Job Development Specialist to assist displaced workers

February 2002

- Revised and expanded "Come Together" manual
- Received CCUSA multi-year grant to continue and expand our case management service, job development service, and increase counseling services

March 2002

- Published first edition of our Monthly Newsletter for WTC Families
- Six month observance gift sent to families
- Joined the Morris County Office of Emergency Management Task Force

April 2002

- Published second edition of our WTC Families Newsletter

May 2002

- Steering Committee for 9/11 Anniversary met at Blessed Kateri, Sparta
- Liturgical committee met to organize 9/15 Memorial Mass
- Surveyed displaced workers to assess unmet needs
- Mother's Day remembrances sent to all WTC client families
- Revised "Come Together" manual and added additional resources
- Published third edition of our WTC Families Newsletter
- Conducted local prayer services

June 2002

- Hired a Housing Counselor
- Distribution of food vouchers for Pathmark or Shop Rite to all displaced workers
- Participation in New Jersey VOAD meetings to establish Passaic County and Morris County chapters of Volunteer Organizations Active in Disasters
- Ongoing home visits to victims' families to provide comprehensive case management services
- Continued local Prayer Services
- Graduation remembrances sent to WTC client family graduates of 8th and 12th grades as well as college
- Father's Day remembrances sent to all WTC client families (memorial bracelets)
- Produced final draft of family, business, and parish Disaster Preparedness Brochure
- Published fourth edition of WTC Families newsletter
- Sponsored a WTC Family outing to Great Adventure
- Circulated the booklet "Helping School Staff Prepare for the 9/11 Anniversary" to all elementary and high schools in the Paterson Diocese

July 2002

- Presented Interfaith Seminar on Disaster Response and Preparedness for faith-based communities and educators held at the College of St. Elizabeth College on 7/24. Speakers included: Jerry Collins, Josh Belsky, Maureen Underwood, Meg Kallman-O'Conner, Steve Crimando, Dr. James Savage, Fr. Dennis Berry
- Ongoing preparation for September 15th Memorial Mass
- Sent out notices to next of kin regarding dedication of Tower of Remembrance at the Shrine of St. Joseph, Stirling
- Published 5th edition of WTC Family Newsletter

August 2002

- Circulated resource information to Diocesan schools on preparing to observe one year anniversary
- Published 6th edition of WTC Family Newsletter

September 2002

- Memorial Mass of Remembrance - September 15, 2002
- NOVA training for case managers
- A Prayerful Response to September 11 (prayer opportunity for Agency staff)
- Published 7th edition of WTC Family Newsletter
- Case finding efforts to identify displaced workers - provide case management
- Spoke at all Masses at St. Thomas Church, Oak Ridge on CC 9/11 response

October 2002

- Presented cases at NJ Unmet Needs Committee meeting for additional resources
- Spoke at St. Peter the Apostle Communion Breakfast on CC response to 9/11
- Published 8th edition of WTC Family Newsletter

November 2002

- Prayer Services: Assumption, Morristown, Holy Angles, Little Falls
- Revised and circulated "Come Together" manual
- Updated MOM manual
- Four disaster preparedness brochures: Your Family, Business, Parish & School
- Published 9th edition of WTC Family Newsletter
- Received and distributed approximately 2,500 mercy bands to family members

December 2002

- Hired Disaster Coordinator with funds from CCUSA
- Continued giving assistance to displaced workers
- Sent poinsettia plants to all clients/victims as a Christmas remembrance
- Presented cases to the NJ Unmet Needs Committee
- Attended FEMA training on Traumatic Loss and Long-Term Recovery
- Attended training for Coping with the Holidays - United Way of Middlesex
- Ongoing support and presence during Christmas gatherings and concerts
- Published 10th edition of WTC Family Newsletter

January 2003

- Attend a Questions and Answer seminar given by Trial Lawyers Care about the Victims Compensation Fund.
- Attended workshop/training on second level of Conflict Transformation Program sponsored by Easter Mennonite University.
- Attended conference on 911 United Services Group in New York which focused on skills necessary for advocacy (listening and focusing on one issue at a time). Other disaster relief agencies were in attendance (FEMA, Red Cross, Catholic Charities).
- Continue to present cases to the unmet needs committee of the Interfaith Group.
- Continue to investigate other financial resources for displaced workers through possible grants.

February 2003

- Held a luncheon for parents who lost a child
- Ongoing networking with NJCC Consortium in Bridgewater for collaborative projects
- Disaster Preparedness Coordinator presented program to Clifton Deanery
- Disaster Preparedness Coordinator met with St. Cecelia in Rockaway to begin at local level
- Planning a meeting at College of St. Elizabeth for possible continuing education program
- Displaced worker cases continue to be brought to the Unmet Needs Committee
- A case manager has been hired to work with the displaced workers
- Facilitated displaced workers to register with FEMA for available services
- Attended meetings to set up group health insurance plan
- Attended support group with Trial Lawyers Care personnel present
- Introduced FEMA Emergency Management Institute (EMI) Independent Study (IS) disaster training courses to Catholic Charities' staff

March 2003

- Co-hosted with CCS in Newark a meeting among Special Master Feinberg and family members served by Diocese of Paterson and Archdiocese of Newark
- Hosted meeting with former Governor Tom Kean, the head of the independent commission to investigate the WTC disaster among our clients

- Continue planning for job fair for displaced workers to be co-hosted with CCS and the Diocese of Paterson
- Submitted cases to the unmet needs committee
- Participated in STAR program training in Harrisonburg, Virginia on trauma awareness and recovery
- Presented seminar on disaster preparedness at the Harmony School in Metuchen Diocese
- Participated in meetings in Manhattan with a working group to develop long-term health coverage for WTC clients
- Continue to participate in OEM meetings
- Prepared and circulated resource packets to schools principals and community agencies with regard to disaster preparedness, terrorism and dealing with the emotional aspects of war
- Published Volume 2, Issue 3 of the WTC Family Newsletter

April 2003

- Sponsored family event entitled “Humor and Healing”
- Provided 4 training sessions to volunteers that will participate in our “Family GOALS Project” (a family support group for adults and children who lost a loved one on 9/11)
- Continue working with other World Trade Center responders in exploring the possibility of establishing a health insurance plan for victims
- Continue to meet on a bi-monthly to quarterly basis with other New Jersey Catholic Charities agencies to coordinate disaster relief efforts
- Participating on steering committee in Morris County to establish a Morris County VOAD
- Placed displaced workers’ requests before the Unmet Needs Committee
- Published and circulated Volume 2, Issue 4 of the WTC Family Newsletter

May 2003

- Sponsored the first 2 (of 6 total) sessions of our Family GOALS Project
- Cases presented to the Unmet Needs Committee
- Provided several consultations to local Parishes interested in developing their own disaster plans
- Participated in “Trauma Awareness Recovery” training in Virginia
- Published and circulated Volume 2, Issue 5 of the WTC Family Newsletter

June 2003

- Working in collaboration with other New Jersey Catholic Charities Agencies in planning for a “Safe Haven East” project in Newark. The project seeks to provide a safe place for family members to go to view files related to the WTC attacks
- Collaborating with Catholic Community Services in Newark to sponsor a Job Fair in the fall of 2003
- Sponsored our 2nd parents luncheon for parents who lost an adult son or daughter on 9/11
- Participated in In-take Specialist Training in New York City
- Concluded final 4 sessions of our Family GOALS Project
- Planning for a new Family GOALS Project to begin in the fall of 2003
- Participated in Critical Incident Stress Management training
- Continue to present cases to the Unmet Needs Committee
- Planning for 9/11 anniversary remembrance
- Published and circulated Volume 2, Issue 6 of the WTC Family Newsletter

July 2003

- Initiated planning for job fair with Catholic Community Services to be held in October at the Hilton in Newark, NJ
- Coalition meeting weekly to provide Safe Haven during Zacarias Moussaoui trial

- Continued planning for Anniversary Mass for 9/11/03 at the Shrine of St. Joseph
- Participating in long-term recovery meetings
- Continued preparing for October 4th seminar entitled “Parish Disaster Response Teams”
- Published and circulated Volume 2, Issue 7 of the WTC Family Newsletter

August 2003

- Participating in Long-Term Recovery meetings
- Continued planning for October 4 Disaster Preparedness Seminar
- Continued participation in Steering Committee for preparations of “Safe Haven East” project
- Continued preparation for October 7 Job Fair
- Continued working with Steering Committee to plan 9/11 Anniversary Mass at the Shrine of St. Joseph’s in Stirling
- Published and circulated Volume 2, Issue 8 of the WTC Family Newsletter

September 2003

- Initiated another 6-week “Family Goals” program
- Co-sponsored 9/11 Anniversary Mass with the Shrine of St. Joseph’s, Stirling
- Continued participation in Long-Term Recovery meetings
- Participation in STAR seminar training
- Final preparations for October 4 Disaster Preparedness training
- Continued assisting in the planning of the “Safe Haven East” project
- Continued planning for October 7 Job Fair
- Published and circulated Volume 2, Issue 9 of the WTC Family Newsletter

October 2003

- Career Fair in Newark attended by 27 employers and 350 job hunters
- Disaster Preparedness Seminar held at St. Elizabeth’s College
- Published and circulated Volume 2, Issue 10 of the WTC Family Newsletter

November 2003

- Held final session of Family Goals Project
- Held a luncheon for those who lost an adult child at WTC
- On-going planning for Safe Haven East project
- Disaster Preparedness presented to Southwestern Deanery meeting
- Planning Disaster Response Presentation for Deacons of Paterson Diocese
- Published and circulated Volume 2, Issue 11 of the WTC Family Newsletter

December 2003

- Participated in NJVOAD meeting
- On-going planning for Save Haven East project
- Continued case management

January 2004

- Attended ongoing meetings with NJ Catholic Charities Consortium for Disaster Response
- Participated in Safe Haven East Hospitality Center development and planning meetings
- Held a luncheon for the parents of WTC victims
- Participated in NJ Family Advocate Program monthly meeting and Quality Assurance subcommittee meeting.
- Attended Bereavement Continuing Education program
- Career fairs to be held at the Gateway Hilton, Newark are being planned for May 5 and October 5
- Continuing individual case management services for displaced workers
- Published and circulated Volume 3, Issue 1 of the WTC Family Newsletter

February 2004

- Attended NJ VOAD meeting
- Participated in tabletop disaster response exercise at Morris County OEM meeting
- Represented Catholic Charities at Housing Recovery meeting
- Participated in Interfaith Long-term Recovery meeting
- Attended New Jersey Family Advocate Program meeting
- Participated in subcommittee meeting for long-term health insurance needs
- Planning for the May and October career fairs continued
- Ongoing case management services for displaced workers continued

March 2004

- Initiated 6 week GOALS program for victims' families at Assumption Church in Morristown
- Partnered to expand GOALS program to Bergen and Hudson County
- Held a luncheon for WTC victims' families
- Began planning September 11, 2004 memorial prayer service at the Shrine of St. Joseph, Stirling, NJ
- Attended Church World Service Disaster Response Forum in Princeton, NJ
- Participated in Morris County OEM meeting
- Attended continuing education program for trauma and grief recovery
- Displaced workers continued to receive case management services
- May and October career fair plans continued

April 2004

- Continued to bring cases to the Unmet Needs Committee
- Started two GOALS groups: one in Morris County and one in Bergen County
- Submitted grant application to the Corporation for National Community Service to train disaster preparedness outreach volunteers
- Participated in the NJ Family Advocate Program Quality Assurance monitoring
- Attended long-term recovery meeting
- Started planning for 9/11 remembrance prayer service
- Attended training given by Church World Service on Care for Caregiver, Hillside
- Participated in training in trauma awareness, recovery with the STAR program, New York City
- Continue with preparations for Safe Haven East
- Finalizing career fair planning and implementation

May 2004

- Hosted a career fair at Newark Gateway Hilton
- Participated in NJ VOAD meeting
- Held a luncheon for parents of WTC victims
- Attended a disaster preparedness conference
- Attended a 2-day seminar given by America's Second Harvest on volunteers and donations
- Participated in Quality Assurance meeting
- Conducting a 7-session Family GOALS programs

June 2004

- Attended ongoing preparation meetings for Safe Haven East
- Continue to participate in Family Advocate Program meetings/training sessions
- Completed two (6-week) GOALS support groups, and held a GOALS focus group to discuss lessons learned
- Ongoing advocacy and meetings with key people to establish group health insurance program
- Continue to network with other disaster response groups including Passaic and Morris County Human Services, COAD, New Jersey long-term Recovery Interfaith group, New Jersey Catholic Charities Consortium, and Safe Haven East Coalition
- Began planning for an October 2004 job fair

July 2004

- Attended Family Advocate meeting to discuss discharge plans of clients
- Ongoing meeting to plan prayer service for September 11, 2004
- Ongoing plans for October 2004 job fair
- Published and circulated Volume 3, Issue 2 of the WTC Family Newsletter

August 2004

- Provided seminar at St. Elizabeth College for Disaster Preparedness and Faith Community Capacity
- Recognized provider for the American Red Cross - Client Support Network
- Organized 9/11 memorial event prayer service scheduled for September 10th at the Shrine of St. Joseph, Stirling
- Preparing for our 3rd job fair scheduled for October 26

September 2004

- Sponsored September 11th prayer service
- Continue plans for fall job fair on October 26
- Attended St. Thomas More, Convent Station parish meeting on Disaster Preparedness
- Submitted proposal to American Red Cross September 11th Recovery Grants

October 2004

- Sponsored third job fare for displaced persons
- Prepared for family members' luncheon
- Secured additional funding from Passaic County United Way
- Participated in OEM and VOAD meetings

November 2004

- Participated in multiple VOAD meetings
- Attended New Jersey Family Advocate meeting
- Attended New Jersey Catholic Charities Disaster Response Consortium meeting

December 2004

- Published and distributed Volume 3, Issue 3 of the WTC Family Newsletter
- Distributed disaster preparedness tool kits to five parishes
- Attended New Jersey Family Advocate meeting and New Jersey Safe Haven East Coalition

January 2005

- Attended New Jersey Family Advocate Program networking meeting
- Organized and attended Safe Haven East project planning meeting

February 2005

- Organizing Safe Haven East project, ongoing meetings in progress

March 2005

- Continued participation in NJ Family Advocate Program
- Held support group luncheon for parents of adult WTC victims
- Provided education to teachers in Morris and Passaic Counties on Children and Grief
- International speaker, John O Donohue, gave presentation on "Community of Understanding"

April 2005

- Notified clients of NJ Family Advocate Program closure
- Distribute Disaster Newsletter to 9/11 families
- Organizing 9/11 Memorial event
- Held GOALS family activity day
- Author, Dr. Clarissa Pinkola Estes, presented "The River Beneath The River" to 9/11 families

May 2005

- NJ Family Advocate Program terminated, 10 clients to continue with CFCS case management services
- Organizing caregivers program for July

June 2005

- Planning meetings held for Safe Haven East Project
- Held support group luncheon for parents of 9/11 victims
- Support groups continue to meet through GOALS program
- Held GOALS family activity day called "Buried Treasures"

July 2005

- Providing case management through American Red Cross Client Service Network
- Held evening of renewal and prayer for 9/11 care providers at the Shrine of St. Joseph, in Stirling
- Participating in disaster response preparedness with the Passaic County VOAD committee

August 2005

- Ongoing case management services
- Participating in local disaster response committees

September 2005

- Initiated local response to Hurricane Katrina
- Held Memorial Mass for 9/11 families at Our Lady of the Valley Church, Wayne
- Provided family activity day called "The Amazing Race" attended by 30 GOALS families
- Providing case management through American Red Cross Client Service Network

October 2005

- Held seminar for 9/11 widows on "traumatic reminders"
- GOALS project received grant for 2006 through American Red Cross
- Ongoing support groups meeting

November 2005

- Held support group luncheon for parents of adult 9/11 victims
- Ongoing case management services through American Red Cross Client Service Network
- GOALS program support groups meeting

December 2005

- Held GOALS family day for "Coping with Holidays"
- Participating in NJ Catholic Charities Consortium for disaster response and advocacy for Hurricane Katrina evacuees in New Jersey

January 2006

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