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The National 9/11 Flag will be at the State Capitol in Bismarck

Community Rally to Help 9/11 Flag Complete National Restoration Tour in Advance of 10th Anniversary

July 15, 2011 – NEW YORK, NY – Destroyed in the aftermath of the World Trade Center on September 11, 2001 and stitched back together seven years later by tornado survivors in Greensburg, Kansas, The National 9/11 Flag is a living testament to the resilience and compassion of the American people. It is the modern day version of The Star Spangled Banner. The New York Says Thank You Foundation is currently taking The National 9/11 Flag on a journey across America where local service heroes in all 50 states will be given the historic privilege of stitching the flag back to its original 13-stripe format using pieces of fabric from American flags destined for retirement in each state. Once the flag is restored and made whole again by the 10th Year Anniversary of 9/11, The National 9/11 Flag will become a part of the permanent collection of the National September 11 Memorial Museum being built at the World Trade Center.

On August 12, 2011, The National 9/11 Flag will make its way to North Dakota where FDNY firefighters will assist local service heroes in an historic stitching ceremony to help sew the North Dakota restorative patch onto The National 9/11 Flag at the State Capitol, 600 East Boulevard Avenue in Bismarck at 10:00 am followed by stitching open to the public until 1:00 pm.

You can nominate a local service hero for the honor of stitching The National 9/11 Flag

The New York Says Thank You Foundation is asking local civic organizations and the public to nominate local service heroes from across America who deserves the honor of stitching The National 9/11 Flag at the Mount Rushmore national Memorial on August 9, 2011. Nominees can be people of all ages who are shining examples of service and sacrifice to their local communities and to the Nation and may be a wounded warrior, military veteran, first responder, educator, student, or volunteer service leader.

Nominations will be accepted through August 5, 2011 and must be submitted online at www.National911Flag.org by clicking on "Nominate a Service Hero." There is no charge associated with stitching the National 9/11 Flag. However, members of the public are invited to visit the website and donate \$5 to "Sponsor A Stitch" to help underwrite the restoration of this national treasure.

The fabric of our American history is quite literally being stitched into The National 9/11 Flag, currently making its way across the United States before it reaches its final destination at the National 9/11 Memorial Museum. The flag has been stitched by soldiers and schoolchildren who survived the shooting in Fort Hood, Texas, and by World War II veterans on the deck of the USS Missouri in Pearl Harbor. It has flown at the funeral of Christina Taylor Green, the 9-year-old girl born on 9/11 who died in the Tucson shooting this year, been stitched by descendants of Martin Luther King Jr., made history when a piece of the American flag that cradled Abraham Lincoln's head when he was shot at Ford's Theater was stitched into the flag, and brought together wounded warriors, first responders, and members of our Nation's space program to contribute a stitch at The Kennedy Space Center.

The New York Says Thank You Foundation

The mission of The New York Says Thank You Foundation is to commemorate the generosity extended to New Yorkers by Americans from all across the country in the days, weeks, and months following September 11, by sending volunteers from New York City each year on the 9/11 Anniversary to help rebuild communities around the United States affected by disasters. The New York Says Thank You Foundation is proud to be the national custodian for The National 9/11 Flag. For more info, see www.National911Flag.org