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**FUND ESTABLISHED BY UNITED WAY AND NEW YORK COMMUNITY TRUST
TO PROVIDE RELIEF TO VICTIMS AND THEIR FAMILIES OF SEPTEMBER 11th
TERRORIST ATTACKS**

Donations being accepted for The September 11th Fund

NEW YORK – The September 11th Fund has been established to help the victims of today's terrorist attacks. The purpose of the fund is to mobilize financial resources to respond to the pressing needs of the victims and their families and all those affected by the tragedy.

The September 11th Fund was created by the United Way and The New York Community Trust to receive financial donations from concerned Americans across the country. Funds will be administered by the two organizations, which will form a distribution committee to ensure that resources are deployed effectively in New York and other cities affected by these tragic events. The effort is supported by the Council on Foundations.

Cuba Wadlington, Jr., executive vice president of Williams and president and CEO of Williams Gas Pipeline, announced that Williams has made a gift of \$1,000,000 to United Way of America which will help launch the response fund.

The fund will provide immediate support to established emergency assistance agencies, such as the American Red Cross. It will also bring together the resources of other nonprofit health and human service agencies.

Anyone wishing to contribute to **The September 11th Fund** may send their financial donations in care of United Way of New York City, 2 Park Avenue, New York, NY 10016, (212) 251-4035. Donors may specify the community (New York City, Washington, D.C., or other affected areas) where they would like their contributions to help. Contributions are also being accepted on United Way of New York City's Web site at <http://www.uwnyc.org/>.