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## **FUNDS AVAILABLE FOR VICTIMS' FAMILIES AND DISPLACED WORKERS**

West Nyack, NY - Naomi Adler, President of United Way of Rockland County, Inc., today reminded Rockland residents that United Way of Rockland County is distributing funds from the September 11<sup>th</sup> Fund to family members of those who lost their lives in the September 11<sup>th</sup> terrorist attacks. Workers displaced as a direct result of the attacks are also eligible to receive funding.

"United Way of Rockland will continue to work with the victims of the attack for as long as necessary to help them navigate through the myriad of funds that exist. More than \$150,000 has already been distributed to Rockland residents who lost loved ones. We've reached out to victims' families as much as possible, but we want to make sure that no one has fallen through the cracks. We also want to spread the word to displaced workers that they too are eligible to receive funding" said Adler.

Adler further explained that United Way of Rockland is involved in distributing monies from two separate funds that have been established. The national September 11<sup>th</sup> Fund was set up by United Way of New York City and the New York Community Trust to receive donations from concerned Americans across the country. This money is awarded on a rolling basis by United Way of Rockland County caseworkers at the Rockland Family Assistance Center, located in the United Hospice of Rockland Building in New City.

In order to receive monies from the September 11<sup>th</sup> Fund, applicants must meet personally with a United Way caseworker who will assist them with the application process. Caseworkers are available everyday by appointment. Please call the Rockland Assistance Center at 708-9252.

The second fund is called the United Way Rockland Families 2001 Disaster Relief Fund and was established by United Way of Rockland, Provident Bank and The County Executive's Office to specifically assist Rockland families. So far, more than \$70,000 has been donated to this fund. The deadline for victims' families to submit an application is November 30<sup>th</sup>. To receive an application, please call the Rockland Assistance Center at 708-9252.

The United Way Rockland Families 2001 Disaster Fund will be distributed based upon need. The members of the 2001 Disaster Fund Committee include former County Executive John Grant, Amy Stern of United Hospice, Linda Silva of the Hispanic Coalition, Ricky Lenett of Provident Bank, Alan Freedman of Orange and Rockland Utilities, Wilbur Aldridge, Susan Cerra from the County Executive's Office, Jeffrey Keahon, of Keep Rockland Beautiful and Sgt. Tim O'Neill of the Clarkstown Police Department.

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