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WORLD TRADE CENTER DISASTER RELIEF FUND

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New York Rotary Foundation of the
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Dear Donors of the WTC-Disaster Relief Fund:

The Rotary Club of New York and its Foundation truly appreciate the tremendous support shown over the last several months since September 11th. We are deeply touched by our fellow Rotarians and other friends who have so generously contributed to the **WTC-Disaster Relief Fund**.

The purpose of this letter is to provide you with an update of the activities of the WTC-Disaster Fund. As you know, the Rotary Club of New York and Foundation took immediate action after the devastating events of September 11th and established the WTC-Disaster Relief Fund of the Rotary Foundation of the Rotary Club of New York. The purpose of the Fund is to provide support and education to the individuals and families who are not receiving adequate relief from governmental authorities (city, state and federal), larger relief organizations, corporations, public agencies and individuals. Our goal is to assist the neediest and to reach those individuals who badly need assistance.

Our Foundation trustees formed an advisory committee to work specifically on identifying those individuals and groups. The committee has met several times and its members have done extensive research on several groups, funds and individuals. Many productive suggestions were brought to the table and we are in the process of taking our first action on disbursing some of the funds.

We would like you to know the tremendous responsibility that we feel in ensuring that these funds are allocated in the most efficient and productive manner. Aside from conducting extensive research, we have been networking with other agencies with similar responsibilities and like us are faced with developing a viable distribution system. The process will take some time. We therefore do not want to rush into funding a project or individual without feeling comfortable that these funds will reach the appropriate people.

Our President, Helen Reisler, has been in contact with the President of the Oklahoma City Club and the Chair of their Foundation in order to learn from their experience in how they dealt with distributing funds after their tragic events. They advised us to also consider the potential long-term effects that people will be suffering as a result of the attacks. We plan to address the short-term needs, as well as consider the longer-term needs that will arise.

We will be posting our progress on our web page (www.newyorkcityrotary.org) and we encourage you to check our site for the most up-to-date information on the WTC-Disaster Relief Fund.

Thank you again for your leadership in supporting this important Fund.

Sincerely,

Helen Reisler
President, Board of Directors

Werner Kobelt,
Chair, NY Rotary Foundation