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HEALING EMERGENCY
AID RESPONSE TEAM

H.E.A.R.T. 9/11 Mission

The Mission of H.E.A.R.T. 9/11 is to alleviate the suffering of individuals and communities coping with disasters and mass trauma.

The Story Behind H.E.A.R.T. 9/11

Almost ten years after the rescue and recovery operations at the World Trade Center, what has become of the knowledge and skills gained by the first responders and construction workers who spent months working "the pile?" Having learned to achieve ambitious humanitarian and logistical goals while adapting to complex and horrifying challenges, how many of these men and women have been able to apply their experience to help with subsequent disasters? Far fewer than should be the case, particularly with respect to 1) the price paid by the victims of 9/11, whose deaths formed the terrible crucible for learning during the rescue and recovery efforts, and 2) the certainty of future disasters – technological and natural – where the 9/11 veterans' ability to teach and assist could alleviate significant suffering.

Bearing physical and psychological trauma, police officers, firefighters, construction workers and a range of civilian volunteers collaborated to conduct history's most extensive and sensitive recovery of human remains. There was a labor of love in an environment that was toxic, unstable and remained burning for months after the attacks...clearing the site that the community continues to work today to memorialize and rebuild. These are the volunteers that comprise H.E.A.R.T. 9/11. The Healing and Emergency Aid and Response Team led by retired Port Authority Police Lieutenant Bill Keegan is building the physical capabilities and national network to respond – as they did in the aftermath of Hurricane Katrina – to disasters where their skills can help first responders and victims alike. H.E.A.R.T. 9/11 has deployed teams on twenty three responses throughout the U.S.A. in the past three years. H.E.A.R.T. 9/11 responded to Haiti following the January 12, 2010 earthquake where they conducted search and rescue, and logistical support to other responders such as medical teams organizing spontaneous hospitals. H.E.A.R.T. 9/11 teams are still responding to Haiti, there is a team building a health clinic on Love A Child Orphanage as this article is posted, serving the people of Haiti by restoring churches, clinics and schools.

For further information and to learn how you can get involved, please visit the website of H.E.A.R.T. 9/11 at www.heart911.org.

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