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Dear Family Member:

On January 6th, the distinguished 13-member World Trade Center Site Memorial Competition Jury selected "Reflecting Absence" by Michael Arad and landscape architect Peter Walker as the World Trade Center Memorial. The design was selected from 5,201 original submissions after months of hard work and deliberations by the Jury. "Reflecting Absence" was among eight finalists that were announced last November and put on exhibit at the World Financial Center Winter Garden. Since then, the design has evolved significantly.

The exhibition showcasing the revised model of the memorial design and video is on display at the Winter Garden in The World Financial Center. The exhibit is open to the public from 10:00 am to 10:00 pm daily. There will be several private family viewing opportunities for families to view the exhibit and the models in a relaxed and private environment: Friday, Feb. 6th 2pm -5pm, and 6pm-9pm; Saturday, Feb 7th 6pm-9pm; Saturday, Feb 21st 6pm-9pm. Please RSVP with your name, selected date and time and with the number of guests to 212-962-2300 x.280.

Attached please find a copy of signature images and information regarding the memorial in a letter from Michael Arad. For more information, or if you are unable to attend the exhibit at the Winter Garden, please view our website at www.renewnyc.com for an on-line slide show of the design as well as a video with the World Trade Center memorial designers describing the memorial in their own words. Also feel free to contact Anthoula Katsimatides directly at 212-587-9646 or email her at akatsimatides@renewnyc.com.

We are looking forward to seeing you soon.

Yours Truly,

Kevin M. Rampe
President

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Dear Family Member,

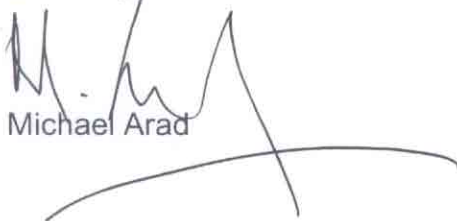
After my design was chosen by the memorial competition jury, I was anxious to hear from family members who lost loved ones on September 11th, 2001 and February 26th, 1993. A couple of days before I presented my memorial design publicly, I met with a group of family members. I felt a tremendous responsibility as I listened to the people for whom the design of this memorial is of such great personal importance, and I very much hoped they would be pleased with the design I had been working on for so long.

With this design, I have tried to find a way to convey the terrible nature of the tragedy and also the courage and generosity that brought so many people together. I have imagined a great plaza in which two large voids would be inscribed, symbolic depictions of absence and loss. At the bottom of these voids would be reflecting memorial pools, 30 feet below the plaza, ringed with the thousands of names of the deceased. Water would cascade down the walls enclosing each pool, and from there would continue towards a void at the center of each pool.

Passageways leading underground along an exposed section of the surviving slurry wall would gradually remove visitors from the sights and sounds of the city and bring them into the quiet and contemplative space below ground. A memorial space for the unidentified remains located 80 feet below the plaza, at bedrock, would serve as a private place for memory, open to family members only. Above ground, an open and landscaped plaza, designed with Peter Walker, provides a park-like space that expresses changes in season and speaks of hope and rebirth.

I am immensely grateful and honored to have the opportunity to design this historic memorial. I understand how important this memorial is to you and want you to know I will do my very best to fulfill your expectations.

Sincerely,



Michael Arad



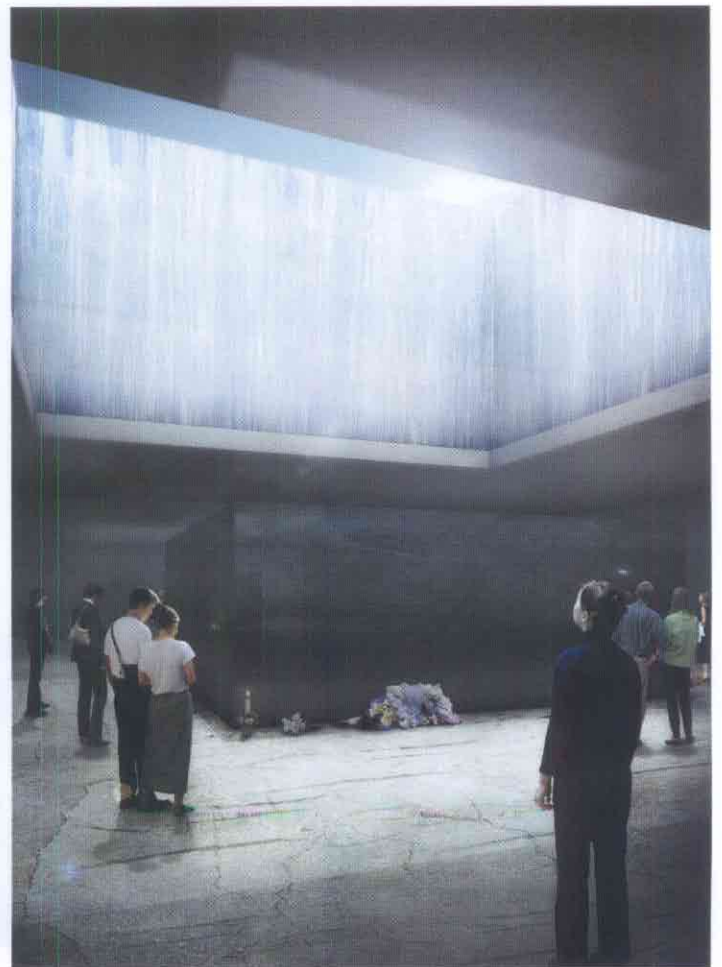
Aerial view of "Reflecting Absence" looking North



View of Plaza Level From Liberty Street



Curtain of water with victims names surrounding pool



Private family area



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In 2003 children of victims of September 11th were invited to participate in the therapeutic art program called *Art For Heart*. This program was developed to offer children who lost someone on September 11th to have an opportunity to express themselves and their emotions surrounding the events of the day and the aftermath, through art and facilitate emotional healing.

Art For Heart allowed for numerous families to come together with others that shared similar experiences and allowed for children of all ages to express themselves freely. Children ranging from ages 2 to 16 painted memories, tributes and messages to the loved one they lost in the attacks. The canvases have been sewn together to begin the creation of a large quilt that will capture these children's memories for future generations to view.

Thanks to the efforts of helping hands at the 92nd Street Y and other partners, the events proved to be very well received and we are proud to announce that the program has been enhanced and will be offered more frequently to allow for even more families to participate. ***Art For Heart First Sundays*** will continue to provide arts enrichment/therapy for children of the victims of September 11th and their parents, and will be offered for the following five Sundays; February 1, March 7, April 4, May 1 and June 6.

Children of victims of the September 11th terrorist attacks will have an opportunity to make their contribution to the *Art For Heart* Quilt by painting a square of canvas in memory of their loved one. Those children who have already made a square for the quilt will be able to express their feelings with gouache on paper. The hours are from 10:00 am - 4:00 pm at the 92nd Street Y, 1395 Lexington Avenue, New York, NY. You are welcome to drop by at any time during the hours and days listed, but an RSVP would be appreciated. Please call, Holly Pericoli at 212-415-5749 for any further information and to RSVP for any of the five events.

In addition, the YWCA of the City of New York is pleased to be part of this very important program. They are hosting the event on ***Saturday, March 13th from 10:00am-4:00pm*** at 610 Lexington Avenue, at 53rd Street, New York, NY in the Hitchcock/Rockefeller Auditorium. Please call Jennifer Hanson at 212-735-9797 for any further information and to RSVP.

Yours Truly,

Kevin M. Rampe
President