

Serving Victims of the World Trade Center Tragedy

In the aftermath of the events of September 11th, Portals Of Wonder found its arts education and performance funding and programs abruptly ended. Programs that took four years of hard work to develop were gone.

Despite the closure, senior staff provided mentoring services through the arts for those who were personally affected by the 9/11 disaster and sought solace.

Little by little, while rebuilding its infrastructure, Board members and senior staff also served on the **Federal Emergency Management Agency NYCVOAD Task Forces** for Mental Health and Spiritual Care, and the Committee on Community.

Following the disaster, a young man in his late teens came into the theater downtown and spoke with senior staff about the heart wrenching loss of his brother.

A mother and father who had lost their family home inquired about a safe haven in the new arts program for their children suffering post-traumatic stress syndrome. Portals Of Wonder's commitment remains strong for those who are in need of hope and wonder.