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SURVIVOR TREE SEEDLINGS INSPIRE HOPE AND RESILIENCE
Seedlings Are Donated to Parkland, Puerto Rico and London Communities

Affected by Violence and Disaster

(New York) September 12, 2018 – Parkland, Fla., Puerto Rico and London will be honored with the offering of “Survivor Tree” seedlings, the National September 11 Memorial & Museum announced today. The communities have committed to nurturing these trees to serve as landmarks symbolizing resiliency and hope.

“This meaningful program reflects our commitment to help communities around the world overcome tragedy and begin to heal, just as New York City and the nation did in the aftermath of the 9/11 attacks,” Alice M. Greenwald, 9/11 Memorial & Museum President & CEO said. “We stand in solidarity with these communities and hope the Survivor Tree seedlings will inspire a spirit of strength and resilience in Parkland, London and Puerto Rico.” The recipient communities have been impacted by violence and extreme disaster in the past year. In Parkland, a gunman killed 17 people, including students and staff members, at Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School. Following the tragic Grenfell Tower fire in London last year, the Grenfell community will accept a seedling in recognition of those who lost their lives, and on behalf of the bereaved, survivors and all those affected by the disaster.

In September 2017, Hurricane Maria caused destruction throughout Puerto Rico, leaving an estimated 2,975 people dead in the storm and its aftermath.

The Survivor Tree has become a symbol of the nation’s spirit of hope and healing as well as strength and resilience in the wake of the 2001 attacks. The tree got its name after it was nursed back to health when it was pulled from World Trade Center rubble. It was later replanted at the 9/11 Memorial.

In September 2013, the Memorial began the tree seedling distribution program in partnership with Stamford, Conn.-based Bartlett Tree Experts and John Bowne High School in the Flushing neighborhood of Queens.

Bartlett, which donates its resources to support the program, harvested seeds from the Survivor Tree in the fall of 2011. John Bowne High School cares for the seedlings as part of the school’s agriculture curriculum.

Images of the Survivor Tree and seedlings associated with the program can be provided upon request. Please email press@911memorial.org to request access.

Learn more about the Survivor Tree and the seedling program www.911memorial.org/survivor-tree

ABOUT THE NATIONAL SEPTEMBER 11 MEMORIAL & MUSEUM

The National September 11 Memorial & Museum is the nonprofit organization that oversees operations for the 9/11 Memorial and 9/11 Memorial Museum. Located on eight of the 16 acres of the World Trade Center site, the Memorial and Museum remember and honor the 2,983 people who were killed in the horrific attacks of September 11, 2001 and February 26, 1993.

The Memorial plaza design consists of two reflecting pools formed in the footprints of the original Twin Towers surrounded by swamp white oak trees. The Museum displays more than 900 personal and monumental objects while its collection includes more than 60,000 items that present intimate stories of loss, compassion, reckoning and recovery linked to the events of 9/11 and the aftermath. The Museum also explores the global impact of 9/11 and its continuing significance through education programs, public programs, live talks and film features that cover contemporary topics designed for diverse audiences. For more information or to reserve a ticket to the 9/11 Memorial Museum, please visit

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