

Gramercy Park Block Association
Events, Projects & Activities for 2001-2002

9/11/01 – Worked with restaurateur Danny Meyer of Tabla, Union Square Café, Eleven Madison Park and Gramercy Tavern – Organized our community members to deliver meals cooked by Meyer's staff to Chelsea Piers Triage Center, Washington Irving Relief Center, Lexington Avenue Armory site for families, St. Vincent's Hospital, Police Academy cadets and instructors and the 13th and 10th Precincts

9/12/01-12/01 – Organized a round-the-clock community relief effort at the 13th Precinct Command Center by residents, area merchants, restaurants and hotels to prepare and serve meals, provide shelter and distribute critical supplies to police, fire, emergency and other support units. This also included the Medical Examiner's Office, Coroner's Office, Pier 94 families and Cabrini Hospital Center medical technicians, as well visiting National Guard members, and volunteers from around the country who came here to assist the workers at Ground Zero.

10/2/01 – Helping children deal with crisis – Calvary Church

10/18/01 – Memorial mass for ESU officer Brian McDonnell

11/01-9/02 – Organized:

- A community partnership with the Olive Leaf Wholeness Center to offer space for volunteers to cook meals and for relief workers to shower, sleep, receive counseling and obtain essential supplies.
- An ongoing visiting program to the Command Center by our neighborhood children who for months baked cookies for the officers, and helped decorate the precinct walls with their letters, cards, pictures and banners of support.
- A "Neighbors Helping Neighbors" benefit to support the families of our local NYPD uniformed officers who lost their lives at the World Trade Center.
- A "Kids Helping Kids" project – a nationwide effort for children across the country to reach out to the children of some of our officers who were lost on September 11th.
- A presentation of photographs to the 13th Precinct "NYPD – You Make Us Proud", a permanent four-foot by eight-foot installation showing our community's love and support for the officers.
- A Thanksgiving dinner for police officers of Emergency Service Squad No. 1.
- A community prayer vigil and candlelight procession from Calvary Church to the Brotherhood Synagogue.
- A Toy Drive to give holiday gifts to the children of our local uniformed officers who were lost at the World Trade Center.
- A Christmas caroling and tree trimming visit by our neighborhood children to the 13th Precinct and Emergency Service Squad No. 1.
- A "Thank You" event to pay tribute to the police officers of the 13th Precinct and Emergency Service Squad No. 1.
- A video project for the children of the fourteen Emergency Service Squad Police officers who died at the World Trade Center. A film crew interviewed and filmed their fellow squad members and recorded their thoughts and memories for the children they left behind.
- A World Trade Center outdoor memorial concert to honor the memory of those lost at the World Trade Center on September 11th and pay tribute to the local Police, Emergency Service Squad officers, Emergency Medical Technicians, Firefighters and other rescue workers who served at Ground Zero during the months that followed.
- A World Trade Center Memorial Ceremony and breakfast with the officers of the 13th Precinct and Emergency Service Squad No. 1, and the community, at the Precinct on the anniversary of the World Trade Center attack.

11/15/01 – P.O. Robert Fazio funeral – Capt. Patrick Brown, Ladder 3 at St. Patrick’s Cathedral
12/4/01 – NYPD Medal of Honor Ceremony
12/27/01 – Christmas visit
12/31/01 – Harrison named top New Yorker
1/25/02 – Membership Drive
2/02 – Moira Smith boat ride ceremony
2/02 – Relief effort with Danny Meyer – Manhattan South Patrol Command with 800 cadets and Mayor Giuliani
6/6/02 – Concert to honor WTC
3/22/02 – Wake for P.O. Moira Smith
3/23/02 – Funeral service for P.O. Moira Smith
9/11/02 – Memorial service at 13th Precinct to observe the Anniversary of 9/11/01
9/20/02 – GPBA/Olive Leaf Wholeness Center partnership – to conduct massive relief effort
9/23/02 – Interfaith prayer service at Yankee Stadium – A Prayer for America
10/18/02 – Thank You Event at 13th Precinct – Salute to local WTC workers
11/6/02 – 13th Precinct Plaque Dedication Ceremony at the Precinct for Robert Fazio and Moira Smith –
Reception to follow at Epiphany Church
11/18/02 – NYPD “You Make Us Proud” – permanent photographic installation at 13th Precinct