



Project Common Bond is Launched by Tuesday's Children

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Tuesday's Children, the non-profit organization serving the unmet needs of the 9/11 community, announced today the launch of Project Common Bond, a new initiative that will bring together teenagers from across the globe who have lost an immediate family member to terrorism.

The program - the first of its kind - will allow teens from the US, Spain, England and Israel to form a community of peers that will enhance their lives - and the lives of others. The program will be designed and directed by Tuesday's Children with the active engagement of its international partners. Organizations participating in this initiative include the 7 July Assistance Organization (England); Ayuda 11M Organization (Spain); One Heart Global based (Israel); and the International Network for Public Schools.

An initial group of 75 teens from England, Spain, Israel, the US and other nations will gather in the United States in summer 2008 for a nine-day community-building symposium where they will engage in team-based activities designed to foster trust, cooperation and communication; meaningful community service activities; and discussions of global issues. This will be followed by permanent, year-round activities including:

- an online secure forum/blog monitored and maintained by Tuesday's Children for participants to continue dialogue; and
- annual international seminars, hosted by the global partners, so that participants can further explore ways in which they can contribute positively to their changing world.

Each following year, a new group of teenagers will join the program and then join in the larger group's ongoing activities.

"For children whose lives have been directly touched by terrorism, the sudden, violent, and public nature of their loss becomes an overwhelming and defining characteristic of their lives," said Carmine Calzonetti, president of Tuesday's Children. "Tuesday's Children has created Project Common Bond so that children from all over the world who have experienced similar tragedies, can build resilience and strength together, and positively shape their own future and the future of the world."

Project Common Bond will be staffed by a professional team of counselors, educators and health care professionals who are trained in bereavement, trauma and resilience. Focus will center on the well being and enrichment of each participant. Chaperones from each country will also be in attendance throughout the entire program.

For additional information, contact Tuesday's Children at +1-516-562-9000 or visit www.tuesdayschildren.org.

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