

## **Project Rebirth Short Films to Begin Screening at 9/11 Museum**

### ***Monday Premier to Include 9/11 Volunteer and Rebirth Executives***

NEW YORK, May \_\_, 2016 /PR Newswire/ - **Project Rebirth, Inc.**, ([www.projectrebirth.org](http://www.projectrebirth.org)) the resilience resource for those who serve community and country, announces that the National September 11 Museum Monday will begin daily weekday morning screenings of its suite of short documentary films sharing the experiences of nine New Yorkers personally impacted by the 9/11 attacks.

A 20-minute film will be shown every morning at 9:30 a.m. in the Museum Auditorium on the Atrium Terrace Level. Audiences will gain insight into how individuals' lives were changed and how they grew despite the pain and loss.

Charles "CC" Cook, an African-American veteran and retired subway conductor, is profiled in the first film and will be attending the screening Monday with family members and Project Rebirth executives. Cook walked nearly 10 miles from his Harlem home to Ground Zero to help on 9/11, aiding in the recovery for over 100 days and launching a new life as a disaster volunteer.

"Our films examine healing, resilience and the importance of diversity in the recovery and rebuilding of a community while ensuring the human stories of 9/11 are never forgotten," explains Aaron Leonard, Project Rebirth Executive Director. "We are incredibly proud to see them scheduled for regular screenings at the 9/11 Museum where we believe they will provide a powerful message of hope."

Others profiled in the short films include:

**Tanya:** After losing her firefighter fiancé Sergio on 9/11, Tanya struggled to reconcile her unflagging devotion to his memory with the heartbreaking challenge of moving on.

**Brian:** A New York City construction worker, Brian joined the unprecedented recovery and rebuilding efforts at Ground Zero after his brother Michael, a firefighter, was killed on 9/11.

**Nick:** After losing his mother, a financial analyst who worked in the North Tower, Nick struggled to let go of his anger and grief while honoring her memory on Wall Street.

**Debbie:** A Yemeni-American public school teacher in Brooklyn, Debbie became a cultural liaison for the Arab and Muslim communities in the tense cultural atmosphere of post-9/11 New York City.

**Larry:** After losing his partner Gene, who worked in the South Tower, Larry struggled to cope with his grief and embarked on a journey of faith and healing on the West Coast.

**Ling:** At work in the South Tower when Flight 175 struck the building, Ling suffered third-degree burns over 20 percent of her body, injuries that would test

her health and resilience for years after 9/11.

**Tim:** Tim was working in the New York City Office of Emergency Management at the World Trade Center when he and his best friend, FDNY Captain Terry Hatton, were called to respond to the attacks on the Twin Towers.

**Joe:** An NYPD detective sergeant, Joe was tapped to supervise the emotionally-draining search for human remains among the World Trade Center wreckage in sifting operations based on Staten Island.

**Link:** [www.911memorial.org/museum](http://www.911memorial.org/museum)

### **About Project Rebirth**

The not-for-profit Project Rebirth uses its suite of films, including the Peabody Award-winning documentary *Rebirth*, and the talents of its diverse team to create unique programs and educational products for first responders, veterans, educators, community leaders, and anyone struggling with trauma and loss.

***Project Rebirth: a resilience resource for all who serve community and country.***

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