Tuesday's Children Receives Significant World Trade Center Health Program Grant

Grant worth $125,000 will Extend First Responder Alliance Program for Families Nationwide

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Tuesday's Children has been chosen as the recipient of a $125,000 grant from the World Trade Center Health Program to fund an extensive expansion of their First Responder Alliance Program in 2013, with an additional
$125,000
through 2014, to benefit the 9/11 Recovery workers and their families.

The grant, administered by the National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health (NIOSH), will allow Tuesday's Children to supply additional family-centered, future-oriented programs and activities to Responders and their families who have been impacted both physically and mentally by the events of 9/11. The First Responder Alliance will continue to provide guidance for healthy living, parenting, career and financial management resources as well as family wellness days to build resilience, strengthen household communication and provide support to family members struggling with chronic illness.

"NIOSH is excited to work with the organizations that were funded through the cooperative agreement award process to conduct outreach and education activities for the World Trade Center Health Program," said Dr. John Howard, Administrator of the World Trade Center Health Program. "Tuesday's Children, along with the other funded community based organizations, will be key to helping us reach those who are eligible to be enrolled into the WTC Health Program. The biggest measure of success is to make sure everyone who qualifies for this program enrolls and receives the care they deserve."

The programs and services will be provided this fall and into 2015 and will be available to all 9/11 Responders registered with Tuesday's Children nationwide. January and February programs will include a career resource center workshop for young adults, a financial planning workshop for parents and a parenting seminar from a nationally recognized speaker and author.

Tuesday's Children, with more than ten years of serving all of those directly affected by September 11, 2001
, will continue to provide programs addressing the many challenging physical and mental health issues Responders face including chronic illness, substance abuse and post-traumatic stress disorder.

Terry Sears, Executive Director of Tuesday's Children, said, "This grant from the World Trade Center Health Program implemented by NIOSH will add phenomenal depth to the services that we are able to offer our 9/11 Responders and their families. We work hard to give them the care and attention that they truly deserve and are continually seeking ways to better serve them."

About The First Responder Alliance

The First Responder Alliance is a Tuesday's Children program providing services and support for the September 11, 2001 Recovery workers and their families. We create a safe and supportive community for 9/11 Responders and their families, garnering health and resilience.

All services are confidential and at no cost. This program is both federally and privately funded. For more information, please visit www.tuesdayschildren.org .