



Left to Right: Edgardo Alfonzo of New York Mets; Terry Sears, Executive Director of Tuesday's Children; John Franco of New York Mets; and Bobby Valentine of New York Mets. Photo Credit: Patrick McMullan/Getty Images

Tuesday's Children Hosted 20th Annual Gala at Citi Field with New York Mets Alumni

The Nonprofit Celebrates 20 Years of Service Dedicated to 9/11 Family Members and Communities Impacted by Terrorism, Military Conflict and Mass Violence, Honoring the New York Mets

Manhasset, NY – September 24, 2021 – [Tuesday's Children](#) honored The New York Mets, a long-standing partner of the nonprofit, and New York Mets Alumni last night during their 20th Annual Gala at Citi Field to mark two decades of service to 9/11 family members and communities impacted by terrorism, military conflict, and mass violence.

The evening was held outdoors on the field with 9/11 family members; **New York Mets Alumni Edgardo Alfonzo, John Franco, Al Leiter, Bobby Valentine and Todd Zeile; General Stanley McChrystal** who joined virtually and is Founder of the McChrystal Group; Emcee & Journalist **Brooke Baldwin**; Grammy-nominated singer **Deitrick Haddon** who sang the National Anthem; and other VIPs and guests. The celebration featured live entertainment and a live auction with signed merchandise, private tours led by Mets alum, dinner with Bobby Valentine, tickets to the 2022 MLB All-Star Game, and much more. Through this event, Tuesday's Children are on track toward their goal to raise more than half a million dollars.

"We are honored to mark our 20th year of service to family members and communities since Tuesday, September 11, 2001," said **Terry Sears, Executive Director of Tuesday's Children**. "Of over the 350 nonprofits that were established after 9/11, Tuesday's Children had the specific mission to focus on the 3,000+ children left without a parent. Ever since our inception over two decades ago, we have expanded our mission to provide the same platform of proven programs and services that we delivered to the 9/11 community to thousands of post-9/11 Military Families of the Fallen, who have suffered losses as a ripple effect of the 9/11 tragedy. Our role is to provide services for those impacted and to build a sense of

community whether it's through mentorship or leadership programs, career services, or even fun events to sports games, Broadway and beyond. We are a soft-landing place for these families and the kids continue to be a beacon of hope for all of us."

Bobby Valentine recounted that the historic Sept. 21, 2001 Mets game against the Atlanta Braves, the first home game after 9/11, was "bigger than baseball."

"It was about bringing everyone together to help us heal. It was like putting a small bandage on a large wound," said **Former Mets Manager, Bobby Valentine**. "We promised that night to be there for the children of those who lost loved ones on 9/11. Twenty years later, we will never forget and will always be there for you. I am so proud that the 2001 Mets players have continued to stand with Tuesday's Children today and help others who have been impacted by terrorism."

Tuesday's Children's 20th Annual Gala was sponsored by Citigroup and Tradeweb as **Platinum Sponsors**; Amazin' Mets Foundation, The Cahalane Family, Jim and Marilyn Simons Foundation, Roger and Margo Coleman, Dee and Kevin Conway, Sidley Austin, LLP as **Gold Sponsors**; National Football League (NFL), Ernst & Young, Block O'Toole and Murphy, KPMG, TIAA Bank, Aon Foundation, Goldman Sachs, Broadridge Financial Solutions, Inc. and Disaster Tech as **Silver Sponsors**; and 1-800-Flowers.com as the décor sponsor.

Marking its 20th year of dedicated service in September 2021, Tuesday's Children has provided long-term healing and resilience-building support to over 42,000 individuals impacted by terrorism, military conflict, and mass violence, including supportive services to build resilience in 3,051 children who lost a parent on 9/11; thousands of 9/11 responder families; and 37,000+ families grieving the death of post-9/11 military service members; 6,000+ youth served through their [Career Resource Center](#); and 900+ young adults from 34 countries with [Project COMMON BOND](#).

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ABOUT TUESDAY'S CHILDREN

Tuesday's Children provides a lifetime of healing for families who have been forever changed by terrorism, military conflict, or mass violence. Through a time-tested, long-term approach, Tuesday's Children programming serves and supports our nation's Military Families of the Fallen; builds resilience and common bonds in communities worldwide recovering from tragedies; and keeps the promise to support all those impacted by Tuesday, September 11th. For more information, please visit www.tuesdayschildren.org.

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