

Dentist launches fund drive

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Gary Sinar has traded the firehouse for a dental office. But in times of trouble, fellowship with other firefighters runs deep.

The former Farmington Hills firefighter said the deaths of firemen in the World Trade Center collapse "has struck me personally to the core."

"I once was a part of the firefighting brotherhood and despite no longer being an active firefighter, my feelings of sadness and emptiness at the loss of so many heroic emergency persons who died helping others moves me to want to do something to help."
So Sinar is offering to take

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donations at his office, for the families of downed firefighters in New York. The donations will be sent to the Uniformed Firefighters Association of New York Widows and Children's Fund.

"There's about 1,200 kids right now without dad or mom's paycheck, who are impacted," he said. Sinar plans to donate \$1,800 of his own money to the

cause.
He served as a Farmington Hills fireman from 1995-97.

"I had been a dentist at the time, but I always had a fascination about getting involved in emergency medicine," he said. Sinar said he wanted to be a fireman to help people.

"There's a lot of people who generally need help in true emergencies and need to count on people to help when they need them."

Checks should be made out to the Uniformed Firefighters Association of New York Widows and Children's Fund.

Sinar's office is at 29425 W. 12 Mile Road, Farmington Hills, 48334-4113.

Firefighters host family fund-raiser

Farmington Hills firefighters will host All American Family Day from noon to 5 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 23, at the Compuware Corporation, 31440 Northwestern Highway in Farmington Hills.

The whole family can enjoy games, food, entertainment and a bake sale.

All proceeds will benefit the families of the firefighters whose lives were lost in the World Trade Center bombing.

Donations of baked goods or volunteers are all welcome. Call (248) 692-9390 or (248) 692-8367.



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State Rep. Andrew Raczkowski, an officer in the U.S. Army Reserve, will introduce a Michigan House resolution condemning Tuesday's terrorist attacks against the United States and proclaiming the resolve of residents to persevere.

"This tragedy has touched all of our lives, but it cannot diminish our way of life," said Raczkowski, R-Farmington Hills. "We must stand tall and show terrorists throughout the world that U.S. lawmakers, both state and federal, are united in

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the goal to punish the people or government responsible for this terrible American calamity."
The Raczkowski resolution extends deepest condolences to victims of the attacks in New York City and Washington D.C., as well as to their families and loved ones. The resolution also offers condolences for those who died in the jetliner crash in Pennsylvania and praises them for their apparent heroic efforts to stop the terrorists from reaching the nation's capital.

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Contributions are tax deductible. Checks should be payable to The New York Fire 9-11 Relief Fund. Mail them to: IAFF General Secretary-Treasurer's Office; Attn: New York Fire 9-11 Relief Fund; 1750 New York Ave., N.W.; Washington, D.C. 20006-5595

To offer assistance, e-mail assistance@iaff.org. To send condolences, e-mail condolences@iaff.org. Offers of donations and assistance can also be e-mailed to firehero@erols.com.

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According to MCMR co-chair Karen Boleen, a tentative list of stations open during "A Community Contributes" includes opportunities to make financial donations to fire and police benevolent funds, the Red Cross and community organizations; card-making for kids and adults; a scroll of sympathetic greetings that will be sent to New York; sign-up for future blood drives and the taping of a video postcard.

There will be group singing from 7 p.m. to 2:30 p.m.; refreshments will be served.

Events will be held at the Costick Center, 26800 11 Mile Road (east of Middlebelt) in Farmington Hills.

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