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The Oklahoma City National Memorial Institute for the Prevention of Terrorism (MIPT), using generous donations from the Junior League of New York and Continental Airlines, is bringing 19 victims families members and rescue workers from the September 11 terrorist attacks to Oklahoma City for the opening of the Oklahoma City National Memorial's exhibit "A Shared Experience" and other events surrounding the April 19 anniversary of the terrorist attack in Oklahoma City.

"This is a wonderful way to help cement our shared experience," said MIPT External Relations Director Kenneth Thompson. "WTC United Family Group sponsored with funds donated by the September 11th Fund sent five family members from Oklahoma City to visit New York in March. This visit reciprocates that exchange, building on our shared experience."

"Continental donated 10 round trip tickets and the Junior League of New York donated \$10,000 to fund the remaining travel, hotel and meal expenses," said Thompson, who has made several trips to New York to work with survivors and build links between Oklahoma City and New York City. Thompson went on to explain that former Mayor Rudolph Giuliani was instrumental in obtaining the donated tickets from Continental and that Journey House Travel helped obtain low fares and hotel rates.

"Building a bond between the victims in New York and here in Oklahoma City is an important part of MIPT's outreach. Not only do we offer mutual support and comfort, we are bringing attention to the emotional and practical needs of terrorism survivors," said Thompson.

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