

# BEYOND GROUND ZERO

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## **PROVIDING CARE FOR 9/11's FORGOTTEN VICTIMS**

### **Coalition, Congress members, Announce Expansion of 9/11 Health Program**

- WHAT:** **Press Conference** at which the Beyond Ground Zero Network and Bellevue Hospital Center will announce the **9/11 Community Health Initiative**, a comprehensive program designed to address the mounting public health crisis in Lower Manhattan arising out of the World Trade Center disaster.
- WHEN:** **Monday, July 18<sup>th</sup>, 2005 at 11:00 am.**
- WHERE:** Bellevue Hospital Center, 1<sup>st</sup> Avenue @ 27<sup>th</sup> Street, Ambulatory Care Pavilion - Atrium.
- WHO:** Beyond Ground Zero Network and Bellevue Hospital Center have invited Congress Members Jerrold Nadler, Carolyn Maloney and Nydia Velasquez, and will be joined by low-income, immigrant residents and workers from the Lower East Side and Chinatown still suffering from the crippling effects of the WTC disaster.
- WHY:** The unmet health needs of low-income and immigrant residents and workers and small businesses in the Lower East Side and Chinatown have been ignored in the wake of 9-11. Four years after the disaster, the health of the community is deteriorating rapidly as especially elderly, the disabled and children suffer from debilitating asthma and respiratory problems and other health problems relating to the fall of the World Trade Center. This new health initiative is being expanded with support from a September 11 recovery grant from the American Red Cross Liberty Disaster Relief Fund. Through community outreach, screening and testing it will provide immediate treatment and study to address the healthcare needs of the forgotten victims of 9-11.