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Today marks 16 years since the September 11th terrorist attacks in New York, Washington, D.C., and Shanksville, Pennsylvania. On this day of remembrance, we mourn for those lost in the attacks and affirm our commitment to those living with 9/11-related physical and mental health conditions.

The World Trade Center (WTC) Health Program strives to provide excellence in 9/11-related healthcare and research. Our Program serves over 80,000 people through our Clinical Centers of Excellence (CCE) in New York and New Jersey, and across the country through the Nationwide Provider Network (NPN). Last year over 5,000 people enrolled in the Program, illustrating what we see every day — the need for 9/11-related healthcare remains urgent.

While numbers can show the scope of our Program, our members best exemplify the courage and resilience of those affected by the 9/11 disaster. Each day our health providers assist those confronting cancer, breathing problems, digestive disorders, and mental health conditions. We hear from members every day that the WTC Health Program saves lives. These stories recommit me to our mission and remind us all of the vital importance of supporting those affected by disasters.

To those dealing with 9/11-related illnesses, you are not alone.

The health providers and support staff at the WTC Health Program recognize your 9/11-experience and are committed to your future. If you need support during this time, please contact your CCE or NPN case worker. I also urge anyone who thinks they may be eligible for the WTC Health Program to apply. Visit our website at www.cdc.gov/wtc or call 1-888-982-4748 to learn more.

Sincerely,

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