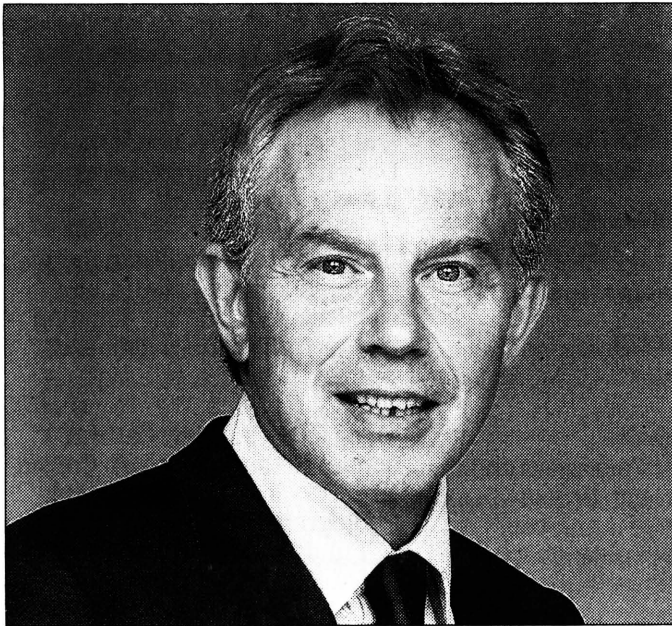


# Voices of September 11 gala to feature speaker Tony Blair



**TONY BLAIR**

Former British Prime Minister Tony Blair will be the keynote speaker at the Voices of September 11th third annual Always Remember Benefit in New York City on Monday, June 14. President Bill Clinton is the Honorary Chairman. Doors open at 6 p.m.

In addition to the keynote address, the gala features a cocktail reception, silent auction,

special guests and musical entertainment. All proceeds from the event will support the organization's 9/11 Living Memorial Project which chronicles the nearly 3,000 lives that were lost and documents the inspirational stories of rescue workers and survivors.

The gala will be held in Downtown Manhattan and the exact loca-

tion will be provided upon registration.

The 9/11 Living Memorial Project grew from the needs of the families to memorialize their loved ones, and the obligation of the nation to document the history of that day. Voices has conducted several hundred workshops and met one-on-one with more than 800 families, rescue workers and survivors throughout the country. Since the project was launched in 2006, families have contributed more than 40,000 photographs and personal keepsakes to the collection.

The 9/11 Living Memorial will become a core component of the National September 11 Memorial & Museum in New York City.

This year, VOICES has transferred 11,000 digital images to the National September 11 Memorial & Museum to be used in the "Wall of

Faces" and other exhibits within the museum.

Last November, founding director Mary and Frank Fetchet traveled to London to meet with 9/11 families living in the UK.

"Over 90 countries lost loved ones on 9/11. Despite cultural differences and geographical distance, our families share an unspoken bond and have found strength in the meaningful relationships we have established with whom we have one another," said Mary Fetchet. "It was heartwarming to finally meet face to face with the UK families we have developed supportive relationships with over the years. Prime Minister Blair's participation in our upcoming gala symbolizes the beginning of our international outreach, and also reinforces the importance of building bridges internationally, person to person."

Tony Blair was Prime Minister of the United Kingdom from May 1997 to June 2007. He has served as the Quartet Representative to the Middle East. He represents the USA, UN, Russia and EU, working with the Palestinians to prepare for statehood as part of the international community's effort to secure peace.

"It is a privilege to be able to meet with the families of the victims of 9/11. Their strength and dignity is inspirational," said Blair. "9/11 was an attack on us all.

America took the brunt of the terrorist outrage but 90 countries felt the impact as the honor roll shows.

Individual tickets begin at \$350 per person. A VIP reception will be held for those purchasing individual sponsorship tickets beginning at \$1,000 as well as Leadership and Legacy sponsors.

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