

Guidestar and NPower NY Partner to Create a Non-Profit Community Database

September 21, 2001—Like people throughout the nation, we at GuideStar have wondered what we can do to help in the wake of the events of September 11, 2001. We have concluded that the most valuable contributions GuideStar can make are to:

- [provide information to the nonprofit community](#)
- [help organizations directly affected by the attacks update their information on GuideStar](#)
- [encourage nonprofits to include information about their relief efforts in their GuideStar Reports](#)
- [expand the GuideStar database to include](#) (1) the many September 11 funds and programs that existing organizations are creating and (2) all 501(c) organizations to which contributions may be tax deductible.
Providing Information to the Nonprofit Community

On Friday, September 14, GuideStar data services manager Bunkie Righter saw a list serv message inviting technology assistance providers to help nonprofits in the World Trade Center area "deal with their immediate and long-term technology needs." The message was from Stephanie Creaturo, senior manager of workforce development for NPower NY, a nonprofit dedicated to "putting technology in the hands of nonprofits."

Righter was able to send Creaturo a preliminary list of nonprofits located in lower Manhattan that afternoon. Since then, she has been working with GuideStar database administrator Rich Paradis and director of projects and contracts Allen Whitehead to refine and enhance the list. Righter and nonprofit services coordinator Karen Rayzor are contacting other New York-area nonprofit associations and organizations to offer this information to them as well.

At least 53 nonprofits were located in [World Trade Center Buildings 1 and 2](#), and some 1,900 charitable organizations have addresses in the 15 zip codes around the World Trade Center. Many organizations lost their databases and computer systems when they had to evacuate without shutting down their systems properly. GuideStar has offered to provide information to help these nonprofits rebuild their databases.