



September 11<sup>th</sup> Families for Peaceful Tomorrows  
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*"Wars are poor chisels for carving out peaceful tomorrows"* - Dr. Martin Luther King

## RESOURCES

### TOOLKIT: Promoting Peace.



Promoting Peace is a free online resource of The Community Toolbox offering detailed guidance and links to resources for students and those working as advocates. Focused on concrete steps that can be taken as an individual, a family, a community, and global society it showcases evidence-based approaches shown to be effective in preventing and stemming violence and fostering more compassionate communities.

Personal reflections by members of September 11th Families for Peaceful Tomorrows are coupled with those from their partner organizations across the world whose members, directly affected by political violence, have also worked to turn their grief into actions for peace. It is an opportunity to learn from models such as schools in Columbine, CO who found restorative justice more effective than mandatory expulsion, the Afghan Peace Volunteers who invite all to join in their dedicated efforts to replace war and terror with friendship, and the Nonviolent Peaceforce that effectively staunches violence in countries around the world.

Available at: <http://peacefultomorrow.org/stories/promoting-peace/>

### DVD: In Our Son's Name/ En Nombre de Nuestro Hijo



IN OUR SON'S NAME (IOSN) is an intimate portrait of Phyllis and Orlando Rodríguez, co-founders of September 11th Families for Peaceful Tomorrows, whose son, Greg, died with thousands of others in the World Trade Center on September 11, 2001. The bereaved parents choose reconciliation and nonviolence over vengeance and begin a transformative journey that both confirms and challenges their convictions. They speak out against war in Iraq and Afghanistan, publicly oppose the death penalty of avowed 9/11 conspirator, Zacarias Moussaoui, and befriend his mother. As their search for meaning evolves they speak out against anti-Muslim actions and find peace in working with prison inmates. The film also features Talat Hamdani, whose heroic son, Mohammad Salman, perished rescuing others yet he was wrongly deemed a suspect due to his Muslim faith. The award-winning film mixes in-depth interviews with on-location footage and striking archival photographs and video to create a deeply personal story that invites us to re-consider conventional concepts of justice and healing.

For Spring 2017 we are announcing the arrival of a new version of In Our Son's Name with subtitles in Spanish: En Nombre de Nuestro Hijo. With this new version we will be able to reach broader audiences to spread our message of nonviolence and reconciliation. If you don't have a copy and would like to set up a screening in your community, please contact the Peaceful Tomorrows office.



### MAGAZINE: The Change Agent.

Years after terrorists attacked the United States on 9/11/01, how are Americans making sense of the events of that day and the aftermath? For those wishing to teach and explore, the Peaceful Tomorrows issue of The Change Agent is a valuable, free resource. The magazine contains lesson plans and discussion questions to give teachers classroom-ready material that will engage students and provide an important forum for critical thinking, sharing, and achieving an understanding across diverse experiences. A national magazine published by World Education, the issue includes articles, poems, and

first-person narratives that teach the history of 9/11, wrestle with important legal and ethical questions related to security and liberty, examine the 'rule of law' in the context of terrorism, and provide a forum for the voices of people seeking justice and reconciliation. It offers many extremely moving stories about 9/11 and its repercussions. The Change Agent features not only the voices of family members of victims, but witnesses to the attacks, relatives of veterans of the war on terror, detainees, and ordinary Americans who have had a decade to reflect on what happened on 9/11 and the events that followed. Free at: [http://peacefultomorrow.org/wp-content/uploads/2014/05/change\\_agent\\_9\\_11.pdf](http://peacefultomorrow.org/wp-content/uploads/2014/05/change_agent_9_11.pdf)

## BOOK: Turning Our Grief Into Action For Peace.



This Book tells the story of how we came together to form the group, and how we have struggled to keep our losses from being used as a justification for further violence and terror. Written by David Potorti, along with original essays from members of the group including Ryan Amundson, Myrna Bethke, Derrill Bodley, Kelly Campbell, Colleen Kelly, Rita Lasar, Kristina Olsen, Andrew Rice, and Terry Rockefeller.

This soft cover book is 250 pages and retails for \$14.95 with a percentage of the proceeds supporting the work of Peaceful Tomorrows. An autographed version of the book is available for an additional donation. It was published by RDV Books/ Akashic Books and is available through local bookstores or online from iTunes/ Apple for iPad, Sony, Kobo and Google books, or Amazon. ISBN 0-9719206-4-8. You can also order the book [by donating to Peaceful Tomorrows online at our website](#) or by [mail](#).

## DVD: Beyond Retribution.

Taped in Oklahoma City on the tenth anniversary of the Murrah Federal Building bombing, "*Beyond Retribution*" captures a roundtable discussion with those who lost family members as a result of 9/11, the Oklahoma City bombing, and the war in Iraq. It is moderated by Father Michael Lapsley, an Anglican priest who lost his hands to a letter bomb sent in response to his work against apartheid in South Africa. Together, they explore the individual responses of those most closely affected by terrorism, violence and war, and offer ways to move beyond retribution and towards sources of real peace. "*Beyond Retribution*" is 37 minutes in length, comes with a list of discussion questions, and is suitable for any age (no harsh images or language).

You can order the "Beyond Retribution" DVD by donating to Peaceful Tomorrows online [or by mail](#).

## SPEAKERS BUREAU

You can request that our members visit your school or classrooms through our **Speakers Bureau** by contacting us at [info@peacefultomorrow.org](mailto:info@peacefultomorrow.org). Several **members' stories** are available on our website and on YouTube.

## OPPORTUNITIES TO ENGAGE:

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Learn how to engage in our activities or those of our many partners advancing peace.