



September 11<sup>th</sup> Families for Peaceful Tomorrows  
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**September 11<sup>th</sup> Families for Peaceful Tomorrows Endorses National Effort to Develop Community Among Muslims and Non-Muslims**

New York, March 28, 2011 –In response to the American Muslim Voice Foundation’s effort to “expand the sense of community at a grassroots level” among Muslims and Non- Muslims with the initiative, *National Invite Your Neighbors to Dinner Day*, September 11<sup>th</sup> Families for Peaceful Tomorrows released the following statement:

*Today we stand with the American Muslim Voice Foundation in calling on all Americans to join their new initiative, “**National Invite Your Neighbors to Dinner Day**”. As family members of those who lost their lives on 9/11 we have an intimate understanding of what happens to our humanity when violence trumps dialogue and understanding.*

*Since 9/11 we have learned that there can be no better way to build bridges towards peace among communities than to relate to each other as individuals. Our members have traveled to Afghanistan and Iraq and were welcomed by family members who lost loved ones in the U.S bombing campaigns. The relationships developed made a lasting impact.*

*As Americans we value the diversity of our nation and have been troubled by the recent spike in anti-Islam sentiment. We know that this diversity, not only of faith but of ethnicity and national origin, is what makes our country so strong. We encourage all Americans to reach out to each other and begin to undermine the crude stereo-types meant to keep us divided. As we pursue an understanding of each other so to do we come one step closer to peace.*