

Flight 93 National Memorial Press Release

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Through Their Eyes

Flight 93 National Memorial Exhibit Features Tributes Left By Children

Stoystown, PA: "Through Their Eyes," will be installed at the recently opened Learning Center at Flight 93 National Memorial on March 5, 2016. This exhibit includes children's images, words, and objects left at the Flight 93 National Memorial as tributes from 2001 to 2016. Visitors to the exhibit will be able to view never before seen tributes left by children who visited the Memorial.

This exhibit is the first temporary exhibit to be installed in the Learning Center at Flight 93 National Memorial. Superintendent Stephen Clark explains: "we hope that 'Through Their Eyes' will be the first of many temporary exhibits." The Memorial's collection of tributes and other items is rich in content and will allow the exploration of many relevant topics that may be displayed in future exhibits. The Learning Center and the technology in it will support a variety of programs and educational activities that will provide learning and participatory experiences for visitors.

Opening on Saturday March 5, the exhibit may be viewed by visitors to the Memorial on Saturdays and Sundays in March from 11:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. In addition to the exhibit, children will be able to visit the Discovery Table in the Learning Center. The Discovery Table provides hands-on fun and educational activities for children and will be staffed by Park Rangers and volunteers during the hours the exhibit is open. Children must be accompanied by an adult. There is no fee to tour the temporary exhibit.

"Through Their Eyes" was produced by Flight 93 National Memorial Chief of Cultural Resources Ms. Barbara Black as her final project as an employee of the Memorial, although Ms. Black plans to continue to serve the Memorial as a volunteer after she retires at the end of April. Ms. Black shared; "as a closing project to my involvement at Flight 93, I chose to explore our next generation of the keepers of the story. Those who began coming as young children to the memorial and those that are still too young to understand will be the caretakers of our nation's history. It is here where they learn to care about their world and look beyond themselves to pass it to *their* next generation."

Ms. Black graduated with a Master's and Bachelor's Degree in American History specializing in Museum Studies from the University of Illinois. Ms. Black became Curator at the Somerset Historical Center in 1994, caring for the Pennsylvania Historical and Museum Commission Collection and Somerset County Historical Society's collections. In 2001, she began to collect and care for the tributes being left by visitors to the Flight 93 crash site. She joined the National Park Service in 2004 as Curator and Chief of Interpretation at the Flight 93 National Memorial.

For information about Flight 93 National Memorial and driving directions visit <a href="www.nps.gov/flni">www.nps.gov/flni</a> or call 814-893-6322.