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**FRIENDS OF FLIGHT 93
ACCEPT GENEROUS DONATION
FROM FIRST NATIONAL BANK**

SOMERSET, PA – The Friends of Flight 93 National Memorial are thankful to First National Bank of Pennsylvania for donating \$11,000 for the second year in a row as part of the state’s Education Improvement Tax Credit (EITC) program. Friends’ President Donna Gibson, Vice President Retail Market Manager with First National Bank of Pittsburgh, has been an advocate for the Friends EITC program.

The Friends are approved by the PA Department of Community and Economic Development as an Educational Improvement Organization eligible to receive EITC contributions from qualified businesses. The Friends work to educate today’s generation of Americans born after 2001 about 9/11 and how Flight 93 ended the worst terrorist attack in US history. Education programs support grade levels as young as Kindergarten to grade levels 3-12.

When the pandemic forced schools to close and begin teaching remotely, the Friends began providing education resources, and developed student activities and classroom discussion questions to help teachers and students connect the Flight 93 story of resilience with today’s national crisis. Teacher surveys revealed that 66% of state school districts do not mandate the teaching of 9/11 curriculum. If your business participates in EITC, we ask you to support us.

Since 2018, the Friends EITC approved education programs provided:

- Educational enrichment through the 9/11 and Flight 93 Classroom Activities Program that provides education resources, activities and digital lessons to 8,000 Pennsylvania educators
- Transportation Scholarships to Flight 93 National Memorial for regional school districts
- Distance Learning Programs
- Development of STEM/STEAM Educational Programs

To learn more about the Friends' education initiatives or donate to support the this important work, visit Flight93Friends.org.

ABOUT THE FRIENDS OF FLIGHT 93 NATIONAL MEMORIAL

Established in 2009, the Friends of Flight 93 National Memorial is the official nonprofit partner of Flight 93 National Memorial. The Friends' aim is to inform, honor and pay tribute to the heroes of Flight 93 by supporting the memorial with volunteers and resources. The Friends' mission is to focus on awareness, education, volunteer support, preservation and stewardship. To learn more about the Friends, make a donation to support the memorial, or become a member visit www.Flight93Friends.org.

ABOUT THE EDUCATIONAL IMPROVEMENT TAX CREDIT PROGRAM

The Commonwealth of Pennsylvania created the EITC Program to stimulate giving to innovative educational organizations. Qualified businesses can earn significant tax credits equal to 75% – 90% of its contributions to approved Educational Improvement Organizations. To learn more about the EITC program, visit <https://dced.pa.gov/educational-improvementorganizations/>.

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