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**SURVIVOR TREE SEEDLINGS ARE DONATED TO COMMUNITIES AFFECTED BY
VIOLENCE AND DISASTER**

Seedlings Bring Signs of Renewal to Manchester, Charleston and Haiti

(New York) September 12, 2017 – Manchester, Charleston and the Embassy of Haiti in Washington D.C. will be honored with the offering of “Survivor Tree” seedlings, the National September 11 Memorial & Museum announced today. The communities have committed to nurturing these trees to serve as landmarks symbolizing resiliency and hope.

“The Survivor Tree embodies the strength and resilience demonstrated by our nation after the September 11, 2001 attacks,” 9/11 Memorial & Museum President Alice M. Greenwald said. “The seedlings distributed through this annual program provide hope and the promise of renewal to communities that have endured unimaginable hardship and suffering like Manchester, Charleston and Haiti.”

The recipient communities have been impacted by violence and extreme destruction. In Manchester, 22 people, including young adults and children, were killed by a terrorist bombing at an Ariana Grande concert. In Charleston, a gunman killed nine people at Emanuel African Methodist Episcopal Church.

In October 2016, Hurricane Matthew wreaked havoc on the people of Haiti, leading to numerous deaths and overwhelming destruction throughout the country. The Embassy of Haiti in Washington, D.C. will accept the Survivor Tree seedling on behalf of its country.

The Survivor Tree has become a symbol of the nation’s spirit of hope and healing as well as strength and resilience in the wake of the 2001 attacks. The tree got its name after it was nursed back to health when it was pulled from World Trade Center rubble. It was later replanted at the 9/11 Memorial.

In September 2013, the Memorial began the tree seedling distribution program in partnership with Stamford, Conn.-based Bartlett Tree Experts and John Bowne High School in the Flushing neighborhood of Queens.

Bartlett, which donates its resources to support the program, harvested seeds from the Survivor Tree in the fall of 2011. John Bowne High School cares for the seedlings as part of the school’s agriculture curriculum.

Images of the Survivor Tree and seedlings associated with the program can be provided upon request. Please email press@911memorial.org to request access.

Learn more about the Survivor Tree and the seedling program [here](#).

ABOUT THE NATIONAL SEPTEMBER 11 MEMORIAL & MUSEUM

The National September 11 Memorial & Museum is the nonprofit organization that oversees operations for the 9/11 Memorial and 9/11 Memorial Museum. Located on eight of the 16 acres of the World Trade Center site, the Memorial and Museum remember and honor the 2,983 people who were killed in the horrific attacks of September 11, 2001 and February 26, 1993. The Memorial plaza design consists of two reflecting pools formed in the footprints of the original Twin Towers surrounded by swamp white oak trees. The Museum displays more than 900 personal and monumental objects while its collection includes more than 60,000 items that present intimate stories of loss, compassion, reckoning and recovery linked to the events of 9/11 and the aftermath. The Museum also explores the global impact of 9/11 and its continuing significance through education programs, public programs, live talks and film features that cover contemporary topics designed for diverse audiences. For more information or to reserve a ticket to the 9/11 Memorial Museum, please visit 911memorial.org.

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