



**FIRE DEPARTMENT**  
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Dear Friends:

On behalf of the New York City Fire Department, please accept this token of remembrance from the World Trade Center site.

Lee Ielpi, father of fallen Firefighter Jonathan Ielpi, conceived the idea of giving a piece of steel recovered from the site to those who came to the aid of the FDNY following the events of 9/11. We will never forget your support and kindness in our darkest hour.

Through the efforts of many dedicated people in New York City, workers at the site collected the steel and the design firm of Whitehouse & Company created these encasings. This project has been made possible through the generosity of the Fire Safety Education Fund.

This piece represents the tremendous strength of the 343 men who died so that thousands of others could live.

Sincerely,

Nicholas Scoppetta  
Fire Commissioner

Frank Cruthers  
Chief of Department