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COMING UP

A look at what's ahead for Answer the Call

Events

Mark your calendars for our upcoming events

41st Annual Gala

October 22nd | Cipriani Wall Street

We're less than one month away from Answer the Call's **41st Annual Gala**. While the Gala is sold out, our commitment to these families extends far beyond one evening. If you would like to support our mission, please visit **us.givergy.com/atc** or click the button below to make a donation.



Stay tuned for more information about how anyone can participate in our **Gala Silent Auction** in-person or online at home!

MAKE A DONATION

Call for Volunteers

We're looking for volunteers to staff the Gala on October 22nd! If you're interested in learning more and volunteering for the evening, please **sign up here** or click the button below.

Additional details about volunteering (timing, tasks, attire, etc.) are included at the top of the sign up form.**All Gala volunteers must be 21 years of age or older.***

SIGN UP TO VOLUNTEER

ATC HAPPENINGS

Key updates, milestones, and news from the charity

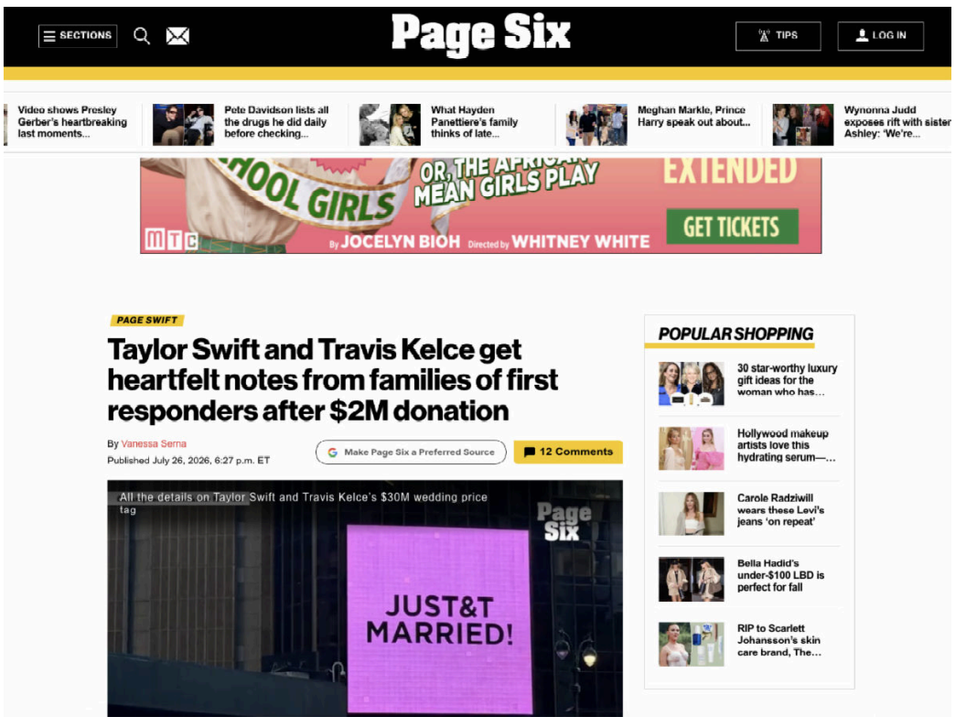
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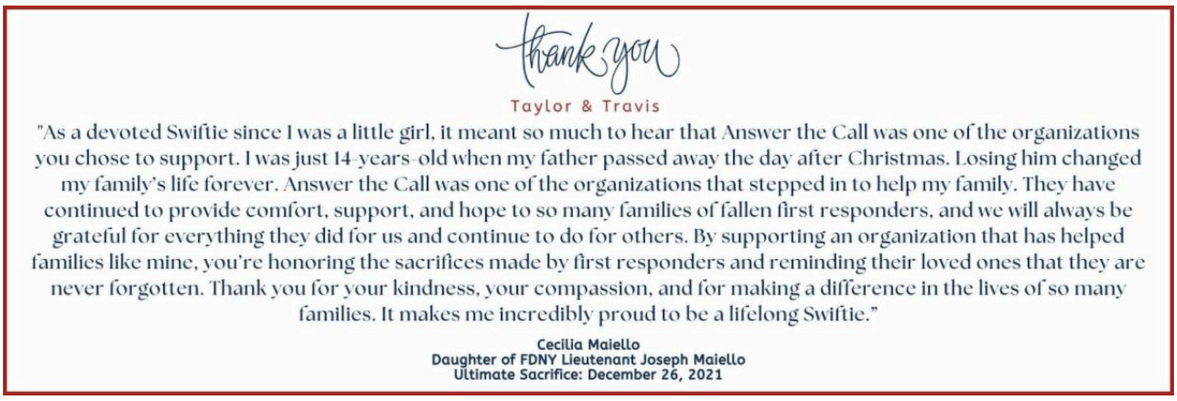
A look at what's new, noteworthy, and worth celebrating

A High-Profile Gift with Lasting Impact

Donation from Taylor Swift & Travis Kelce

This summer, Answer the Call was honored to receive an extraordinary $2 million gift from Taylor Swift and Travis Kelce. Beyond the meaningful financial support, their generosity has brought unprecedented attention and awareness to our mission. Since July 2, Answer the Call has been featured in countless articles and social media posts, reaching new audiences and helping more people learn about our work. We are deeply grateful for their generosity and for the opportunity to share our mission with an even broader community!





READ MORE THANK YOU NOTES FROM FAMILIES

In the Spotlight: Our Founder's Legacy

WWL-TV News Interview

A Louisiana television station recently honored New Orleans native and Answer the Call founder Rusty Staub, shining a light on the legacy he built through his commitment to the families of fallen heroes. The story features interviews with Stephen Dannhauser (ATC chairman) and Rose Ellen and Patrick Dowdell (widow and son of FDNY Lieutenant Kevin Dowdell: Ultimate Sacrifice: 9/11/2001). Their reflections offer a meaningful look at Rusty's vision and how Answer the Call has carried that vision forward since 1985.



WATCH THE STORY

Event Recaps

Highlights from the moments that bring our community and supporters together

Young Professionals Golf Tournament

Our Associate Committee's tournament brought together a group of young supporters for a day of golf and giving back. We welcomed 27 participating foursomes for a wonderful day on the course, complete with a lively Beat the Pro competition, all in support of the families we serve. A special thank you to our event sponsors and committee members!



VIEW EVENT PHOTOS

Paint & Sip Gathering with ATC Staten Island Families

We recently brought together our beneficiary family members in Staten Island for a special Paint & Sip brunch. Designed to create smaller gatherings within the communities where our families live, the event offered an opportunity to connect and enjoy time together. Thank you to our friends at The Kettle Black for hosting us!



Commemoration of September 11, 2001

Honoring the lives and legacies of the heroes we lost 25 years ago

NYC Council Proclamation

Answer the Call was honored to receive a proclamation from the New York City Council on September 10th, ahead of the 25th anniversary of September 11th. We are deeply grateful for this recognition of 41 years of supporting the families of fallen first responders, including those who made the ultimate sacrifice on 9/11. Thank you to our leadership, the New York City Council, and Speaker Julie Menin for this special honor.





Cantor Fitzgerald Relief Fund Charity Day

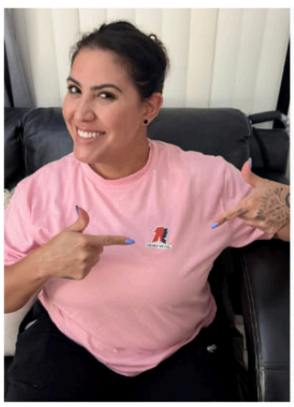
Answer the Call was proud to participate in Charity Day, hosted by Cantor Fitzgerald and BGC Group. This year's event was especially meaningful as we marked the 25th anniversary of September 11, 2001. ATC Board Member and NY Rangers legend, Mark Messier, proudly represented our charity alongside supporters for this special day of giving and remembrance.



2026 Remembrance Campaign

Our 2026 Remembrance Campaign was our biggest yet! This year, ATC distributed more than 13,500 branded stickers, a powerful visual representation of how we come together to honor and remember our fallen heroes who made the ultimate sacrifice in the line of duty on September 11, 2001. Thank you to everyone who participated and helped make this year's campaign so meaningful!











ATC MISSION MOMENT

Celebrating milestones that reflect lasting impact

2026 Day in the Life Experiences

The following children of the families we serve participated in our final Day in the Life Program experiences of the year, exploring a variety of career fields.



ISABELLA TOLLEY

Daughter of FDNY Firefighter William Tolley (Ultimate Sacrifice: 4/20/2017)

Isabella spent the day at the NYPD Forensics Lab where she got to explore the science behind crime scene investigations. From DNA analysis and fingerprinting to ballistics and trace evidence, she experienced forensic science firsthand, reinforcing her interest in pursuing a career in crime scene investigation. Special thanks to the NYPD for coordinating and hosting this unique experience!



GRACE COSTA

Granddaughter of PAPD Inspector Anthony Infante (Ultimate Sacrifice: 9/11/2001)

Grace spent the day with the New York Jets marketing team for a behind-the-scenes look at careers in sports and entertainment. The day included watching a training camp practice, meeting players, attending a press conference, and learning about the marketing team's role within the organization. Thank you to the New York Jets for creating this opportunity and for your support of the families we serve!

WITH GRATITUDE

Recognizing the partners whose generosity and support make our work possible

Garden of Dreams Jr. Knicks Camp



Ihsan Sajaa and Iman Naila Abdur-Rahman, daughters of FDNY Paramedic Salih Abdur-Rahman (Ultimate Sacrifice: 10/29/2025), recently participated in the Jr. Knicks Summer Basketball Camp courtesy of the Garden of Dreams Foundation.

They both had the chance to meet the legendary Larry Johnson, and Ihsan won an award for rebounding! The camp took place next to the station where their father was previously assigned, an unexpected and special connection that made the experience all the more meaningful. We're grateful to the Garden of Dreams Foundation for making moments like this possible for the families we serve.

GET INVOLVED

Your chance to make an impact starts here



Get Involved and Stay Connected

Here are a few simple ways to support and amplify our mission:

- Visit our website to learn more about our charity
- Make a donation to support our mission
- Attend or sponsor an upcoming event, or consider volunteering
- Follow us on social media for the latest updates

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