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**THE ANDREW W. MELLON FOUNDATION GIVES \$750,000 GRANT TO THE
NATIONAL SEPTEMBER 11 MEMORIAL & MUSEUM**

Grant to Fund 9/11 Memorial Museum's Education and Public Programs

(New York) March 2, 2015 – The National September 11 Memorial & Museum today announced it has received a \$750,000 grant from The Andrew W. Mellon Foundation to support education and public programs.

The grant will primarily fund a new project engaging humanities scholars to work with the 9/11 Memorial Museum to explore the ongoing impact of the attacks and build an intellectual community across the institution's core programs.

"This generous grant will make visiting the Museum an even more powerful learning experience and increase understanding of how the attacks have shaped our world," 9/11 Memorial Chairman Michael R. Bloomberg said. "We thank The Andrew W. Mellon Foundation for their support of the Museum and for their commitment to honoring those we lost."

"We are grateful to The Andrew J. Mellon Foundation for their generosity, allowing our institution to establish what will become a nationally recognized academic program at the 9/11 Memorial Museum," 9/11 Memorial President Joe Daniels said. "This important initiative will accelerate the Museum's emergence as an authoritative venue for the post-9/11 world."

"The generous support of the Andrew W. Mellon Foundation enables the 9/11 Memorial Museum to engage humanities scholars as a core feature of our educational programming," Museum Director Alice M. Greenwald said. "We are deeply grateful to the Foundation for its endorsement of our vision and for helping to ensure the integration of new scholarship into our exhibitions and public programs."

The Museum will select two postdoctoral scholars for two-year residencies in the fall of this year and in 2017, enabling them to pursue research extending their own education and offering them new opportunities for professional development, which subsequently will heighten the organization's institutional development. The postdoctoral fellows would work with a senior scholar, whose two-year appointment would also be supported by this grant. To submit an application for the fellowship, visit 911memorial.org.

ABOUT THE NATIONAL SEPTEMBER 11 MEMORIAL & MUSEUM

The National September 11 Memorial & Museum is the not-for-profit corporation created to oversee the design, fundraising, programming and operations

of the Memorial and Museum. The Memorial and Museum are located on eight of the 16 acres of the World Trade Center site.

The Memorial remembers and honors the 2,983 people who were killed in the horrific attacks of September 11, 2001 and February 26, 1993. The design, created by Michael Arad and Peter Walker, consists of two reflecting pools formed in the footprints of the original Twin Towers and a plaza of trees. The Museum displays monumental artifacts linked to the events of 9/11, while presenting intimate stories of loss, compassion, reckoning and recovery that are central to telling the story of the 2001 and 1993 attacks and the aftermath. It also explores the global impact of 9/11 and its continuing significance. Davis Brody Bond are the architects of the belowground Museum and Snøhetta designed its entry pavilion. The Museum's exhibition designers include Thinc, Local Projects and Layman Design.

For more information or to reserve a ticket to the 9/11 Memorial Museum, go to 911memorial.org.

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