



# HOPE UNITY REMEMBRANCE

ON  
SEPTEMBER 11, 2001

thousands of lives were taken and billions of other lives changed forever. In the days that followed, people in our nation and throughout the world struggled to cope with shock, anger, fear, sadness, helplessness and uncertainty – emotions as tangled the wreckage left by the attacks.





## UTAH UNITES IN HOPE

A group of young people, accustomed to building their communities through volunteer service with the Davis County Youth of Promise, came together to talk about their feelings and find ways to help themselves and others heal. Like so many people at that time, they shared a deep desire to do something to help people remember those who had died, build on the spirit of unity that marked the days and weeks following 9/11, and inspire the feeling that our future is filled with hope.

What developed from those discussions is a unique collaboration among dedicated young people, the Utah Botanical Center, representatives of Utah families who lost loved ones in the attacks, the Davis County Commission and Salt Lake City-based ajc architects.

The design of the memorial is the result of a series of workshops that helped participants explore their feelings about the events of 9/11 and define the messages the memorial should communicate.

The concept grew to include honoring those who sacrifice to defend democracy and freedom in Afghanistan, Iraq, and those who will do so in the future. When their ambitious goal is realized these young people and their partners in the project will have created a place for tranquil reflection, a place where future generations might begin to understand the significance of a pivotal day in America's history and be reminded of the power people have to make the world a better place.

## PARTNERS

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Bud Bailey Construction

Davis County Commission

Davis County Youth of Promise

Kaysville City

United Way of Davis County

Utah State University: Utah Botanical Center

Wells Fargo Bank

Youth of Promise





# THE MEMORIAL

The memorial will be located between the pavilion and ponds at the Utah Botanical Center in Kaysville. Visitors approach the memorial on paths along a rough and loosely coursed stone wall that curves to guide them into the main plaza. The entry gate narrows to evoke a sense of discomfort and a reminder of the vulnerability felt on September 11.

Central to the plaza is a pool that will be a focal point for quiet reflection. Water spills and churns over a pile of rubble that seems to have tumbled into the pool from the stone wall. Across the plaza another stone wall rises, more smoothly and solidly constructed to represent unity and strength.

Also visible upon entering the plaza is a row of totems, slightly taller than an average adult, displaying inscriptions of remembrance, unity and hope. The totems will recognize local victims of the 9/11 attacks as well as local men and women in our country's armed services. The totems will be presented by community groups and express their members' feelings. Each will accommodate changeable elements, expanding the breadth of experiences memorialized as our nation continues to confront dark and bright days in the future.

The paving of the memorial features hundreds of small lights that slowly cycle on and off to represent the lives lost and to inspire the sense that their spirits can live on in all of us when we choose hope and unity.



Model views, far left and above.



Artist's representation of the memorial during daylight.

## MAKING CHANGE THROUGH OUR UNITY



Artist's representation of the memorial in evening light.



# Davis County Commission

COMMISSIONERS: DANNIE R. MCCONKIE, CHAIRMAN; CAROL R. PAGE; MICHAEL J. CRAGUN

## LETTER OF SUPPORT

The Davis County Commission commends the Davis County Youth of Promise for their efforts toward the September 11 Memorial Plaza Project at the Utah Botanical Center in Kaysville. The youth have been diligent in their efforts to raise funds for the project. The monument as proposed would have a pathway that begins with a pile of rubble and leads visitors to a large rock wall that signifies the strength of the nation coming together after the attack. Tiny fiber-optic lights will blink on and off for the people killed. In a far too negative world the youth have let their light shine in showing remembrance, unity and hope.

I feel very proud of the youth and know personally of their commitment and leadership abilities. I strongly encourage the community to give support to the continuation of the many efforts by them and their leaders Margaret Brough and Margaret Wahlstrom. Let us all stand proud and give support of this exemplary service to the community. These young people are "America's Promise" generation.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Carol R. Page".

Carol R. Page