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VAUGHAN DANVERS: On behalf of the 9/11 Memorial & Museum, thank you for joining in our commemoration of the 25th anniversary of 9/11.

25 years ago, on a beautiful September morning, our world changed. On September 11, 2001, nearly 3,000 people were killed when terrorists hijacked four airplanes striking the World Trade Center here in New York City, the Pentagon outside of Washington, D.C., and a field outside of Shanksville, Pennsylvania. The attacks, which became known as "9/11," unfolded in real time before our eyes. For many of us, it's a day we remember not just as history, but as a moment in our own lives that forever shaped who we are and how we see the world.

As a teacher, I'm reminded every year that remembrance isn't only about dates or facts. It's about people. It's about stories. Stories remind us that history happens to ordinary people. In the case of 9/11, ordinary people were killed. Ordinary people stood up to help. Ordinary people did extraordinary things.

The stories you're about to hear honor that idea. It highlights the experiences of six individuals whose lives were forever changed by 9/11. Their extraordinary stories of resilience, service, hope, and courage are testaments to the power of the human spirit. They show us what we're capable of, and in doing so, they continue to inspire us today.

By sharing these voices, we do more than look back. We carry memory forward. We remind ourselves of our responsibility. Our profound responsibility to remember what happened on 9/11 and who it happened to.

You are joining millions of others from around the world as we commemorate this milestone anniversary. Together we commit to never forget, now and for generations to come.

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