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CHARLESTON AFB CELEBRATES DAY OF CARING

CHARLESTON AIR FORCE BASE, S.C. – On September 11, 2001 our nation experienced a great shock as both civilian and military institutions were targeted for destruction. Throughout this year we have lived in a new world with a hope that things would return to normal. As we draw close to the one-year anniversary we on Charleston AFB are afforded an opportunity to show that we too were/are affected by the devastation and that we care about the future.

On September 11, 2002, the city of Charleston has scheduled a Day of Caring. People in the Charleston community caring enough to remember the past and to use this opportunity to turn Compassion into Action---Evil into Good, and bring hope from despair.

The United Way is sponsoring this event and we are called upon to show that we too, are part of this community. There are four areas in which to serve – Construction, landscaping, painting and mentoring

Events for the Day:

7:30-8:00 a.m. Free breakfast snack at North Charleston Performing Arts Center (part of Coliseum)

8:00-9:00 a.m. Tribute to September 11, Remembrance Program

9:00 a.m.- 4:30p.m. Volunteer Care Groups--Mentoring, Landscaping, Construction, Painting

6:00-7:30 p.m. Remembering Our Heroes, program at North Charleston Performing Arts Center

Tickets are required for the Remembrance programs, e-mail www.tuw.org or call 740--9000. If you are interested in being part of this significant event and vision we invite you to volunteer. Groups are also welcome to participate. The Charleston AFB Chapel is the contact point for the base concerning these events. Please call Airmen 1st Class Brock at the Base Chapel, (843) 963-2536 for more information.

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For those not able to participate in the events off base, the chapel will be open from 8:00-11:00 a.m. for prayer, reflection and remembrance of those who were lost and those who continue to struggle. The chapel is open to all personnel. No formal service will be conducted, but at 8:46 a.m. (The moment the first plane hit the tower) a unity candle will be lit as a reminder of what was lost and as a guide to the hope that still exists within our country.

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