

# Oregonians visit New York to commemorate Flight For Freedom anniversary

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Oregonians from all walks of life joined Sho Dozono and other organizers for the 2006 Flight For Freedom, commemorating the trip some 1,000 Oregonians took to New York City in 2001.

Following the 9/11 terrorist attacks, businessman Dozono and wife Loen gathered 1,000 Oregonians to fly to New York City during the first week of October 2001. Oregon's 2001 Flight For Freedom garnered worldwide attention and publicity, inspiring other delegations from other cities and states to follow suit.

Some 250 people from Oregon joined the Dozonos to return to New York recently to remember the original trip and reunite with fellow travellers. They participated in events paying tribute to New York City and the efforts of Oregonians. Members of the 2006 delegation were invited to ring the opening bell on the New York Stock Exchange on Columbus Day, said Dozono. "It's unusual for a community group to ring the bell," he said. "It was a very important validation by the business community there."

The delegation also marched alongside New Yorkers during the Columbus Day Parade, and was featured on CBS's "The



**ROUND TRIP.** Members of the 2006 Flight For Freedom delegation marched alongside New Yorkers during the Columbus Day Parade (left) and were invited to ring the opening bell on the New York Stock Exchange on Columbus Day. (Photos courtesy of the Flight For Freedom delegation)

Early Show." Donald Trump scheduled time to visit with the group. The group also attended a memorial service at Ground Zero, as well as a service at the Cathedral Church of St. John the Divine.

"It was pretty rewarding to see how New York welcomed us back," said Dozono. "Marching down the Columbus Day Parade was a very emotional and uplifting experience."

For Dozono, one of the most profound comments he received during the trip was from a bellhop at the Waldorf Astoria. "As we were getting off the taxi, he recognized us and said 'Oh, I remember you guys from five years ago. What you did for us was just

wonderful."

In 2001, Dozono, CEO of Azumano Travel and then President of the Portland Metropolitan Chamber, came up with an altruistic plan to help workers in New York whose lives were impacted by the tragedy. While headlines at the time focused on the economic impact of the attacks on the airline and travel industry, Dozono recognized that the effects of the tragedy were widespread throughout many industries. The devastation in New York City kept commerce at a standstill for several weeks following the attacks, as the nation mourned the thousands of lives lost in the collapse of the Twin Towers.

"Americans were afraid to gather at malls, let alone get on an airplane to fly across the country. If we didn't start reclaiming our lives, the economy was sure to suffer tremendously," he said.

New York has the largest concentration of Fortune 500 headquarters, and the city's hospitality industry relied heavily on out-of-town guests. Many service-industry workers, such as cab drivers and hotel and restaurant workers, couldn't go back to work. "People who couldn't afford to be laid off work — even for a day — were the first ones to be laid off. That's what prompted me to think about the devastation in New York," Dozono said. "We were the first large delegation to go to New York in the weeks following September 11. We hoped to touch many lives in New York. From a personal perspective, that was a very memorable trip."

Dozono and the Freedom Fliers were recognized nationally for their support of New York City following 9/11. The project also earned Dozono the prestigious American Express "Great Performers" award, the Governor's Freedom Award, the Spirit of Portland Award, and the U.S. Pan Asian American Chamber of Commerce Excellence Award in Community Service.

For more information and to view photos from the 2001 and 2006 trips, visit <www.flightforfreedom.com>.

## APIASF to administer Gates Scholarships for Asian, Islander Americans

The Asian & Pacific Islander American Scholarship Fund (APIASF) has announced an agreement with the United Negro College Fund (UNCF) to administer the Gates Millennium Scholars program for Asian and Pacific Islander American students. APIASF is the country's largest national organization devoted solely to the scholarship needs of Asian and Pacific Islander Americans.

The Gates Millennium Scholars (GMS) program, funded by a grant from the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation, provides opportunities for outstanding low-income minority students to complete an undergraduate college education in any discipline.

Robert Underwood, former U.S. Congressman and chairman of APIASF's board, said, "This is a significant milestone in APIASF's short history. We are extremely pleased to be recognized as a GMS partner for Asian and Pacific Islander

Americans by the United Negro College Fund. It is with great pride that we join the ranks of other national scholarship organizations and express our appreciation to UNCF and the other GMS partners, the Hispanic Scholarship Fund and the American Indian Graduate Center Scholars, for their guidance and support in establishing APIASF."

The announcement followed the success of APIASF's first fundraising gala in New York City on September 14, which raised more than half a million dollars for the Fund. The Organization of Chinese Americans was recognized at the event for its role in developing and administering GMS/APIA for the past six years, and for its partnership in building APIASF, whose president and executive director, T. Kamuela Chun, was involved in the development of both APIASF and GMS/APIA.

To learn more, visit <www.apiasf.org>.

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