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ORTONVILLE DOWNTOWN DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY HELPS OUR COMMUNITY REMEMBER THE 20TH ANNIVERSARY OF 9/11

Ortonville, MI September 1, 2021 – Working with the Brandon School District the Ortonville Downtown Development Authority is proud to announce its participation in *September 11, 2001: The Day That Changed the World*, an educational exhibition that presents the history of 9/11, its origins, and its ongoing implications through the personal stories of those who witnessed and survived the attacks. Told across 14 posters, this exhibition includes archival photographs and images of artifacts from the Museum's permanent collection. It explores the consequences of terrorism on individual lives and communities at the local, national, and international levels, and encourages critical thinking about the legacies of 9/11.

We will host a 9/11 Remembrance with these posters on display at Old Town Hall (486 Mill Street, Ortonville, MI 48462) on Saturday September 11, 2021 from 9a-2p during our Downtown Ortonville Farmers Market. This open-house type event allows the community visiting the posters to reflect, commemorate, educate, inspire and observe the 20th anniversary of the 9/11 attacks.

Twenty years after the attacks, with terrorism still a threat today, the events of 9/11 and its aftermath remind us that we may never be able to prevent all the actions of people intent on harming others, but we do have control over how we respond to such events. Whether by volunteering in our local communities, serving our nation in the military, caring for the sick, or through other efforts, all of us can help build the world in which we want to live. As we witness history unfolding in our own time, the ways we choose to respond—both large and small—can demonstrate the best of human nature after even the worst of days.

Taking that emotion and inspiration from the posters, we would also like to engage the community in a Miracle Box activity at Old Town Hall. Bring your [Miracle Box supplies](#), make a donation to cover postage, write a thank you note and take a moment to pack a box to our deployed men and women of the US Military.

About Ortonville Downtown Development Authority

The Ortonville DDA is dedicated to promoting economic revitalization, supporting local businesses, and preserving the natural and historic heritage of the Village of Ortonville. We advocate a return to community self-reliance, local empowerment, and development of Ortonville's unique characteristics. The Ortonville DDA advocates for businesses and the community by assessing current needs, customizing resources to meet those needs, collaborating with community groups, developing special promotions, and providing technical expertise. To learn more about the DDA, visit www.ortonvilledda.org.

About 9/11 Memorial & Museum Educational Exhibition

This 9/11 Memorial & Museum curated exhibition reflects the core pillars of commemoration, education, and inspiration as we prepare to observe the 20th anniversary of the 9/11 attacks. The poster exhibition was

developed by the 9/11 Memorial & Museum and has been made possible in part by the National Endowment for the Humanities: Democracy Demands Wisdom. For questions or more information on this Exhibition, please visit the 9/11 Memorial & Museum website - <https://911memorial.org/learn/resources/digital-exhibitions/september-11-2001-day-changed-world> or contact them at: press@911memorial.org