



THE CITY OF NEW YORK
OFFICE OF THE MAYOR
NEW YORK, N.Y. 10007

October 24, 2001

Dear Friends:

I would like to extend greetings to everyone attending today's Appreciation Dinner in honor of the New York staff of Spirit Cruises. This is a very special occasion as you pay tribute to their dedication and commitment to the relief efforts at "Ground Zero."

As we reflect on the recent tragedies that have befallen our City and Nation, we also recognize the courage, strength and determination that all New Yorkers have shown during these trying times. The Spirit of New York could not be more aptly named as its staff came together in a bond of cooperation and unwavering determination. By serving nearly 400,000 meals to the relief workers around the clock, you served a vital role in the rescue and recovery efforts in the weeks immediately following the World Trade Center attacks.

I also extend a warm welcome to the executive staff of Spirit Cruises and thank the Spirit Cruises family for its friendship and support for the City of New York. As we will never forget the attacks of September 11, we also resolve to carry on. Today's event is a wonderful indication of our Nation's perseverance and exemplifies the "miracle of New York City."

Please accept my best wishes for an enjoyable evening, and may God bless America!

Sincerely,
A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Rudolph W. Giuliani".

Rudolph W. Giuliani
Mayor