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A gift for the human spirit



A work in progress... the Release of Souls project is expected to be completed on time thanks to Dave, Ian, Bill and Rick of Dave's Custom Metal Works (above). In the photo right, artist Kathleen Tonnesen and Salvation Army captain Ed Chiu look at photos of Ed's trip to Ground Zero following the collapse of the World Trade Centre in 2001.

On September 11, 2001 a horrible disaster struck New York City when the World Trade Center was destroyed by terrorists. Thousands died, including hundreds of fire fighters, police officers and other rescue workers.

To help those who lost loved ones in that disaster, particularly the emergency personnel who lived through the horror as well as the families of those who were killed, local artist Kathleen Tonnesen and her team of volunteers will unveil a project destined to be a place of grieving for New York's finest.

Called Release of Souls the project will first be seen by the public September 11 of this year at an unveiling to be held at 7 p.m. at The ACT. A free outdoor concert featuring the debut of the new Release of Souls song, specially written by local singer Fiona. Blackburn and composer Miles Black, will be part of the event.

Kathleen has also arranged for the unveiling and concert to be a fundraiser for the Salvation Army's disaster relief fund, which sent many members to ground zero to support the relief workers, including Captain Ed Chiu and five others from Maple Ridge/Pitt Meadows, and which is now helping people in British Columbia's fire rayaged interior.

At this stage in the game, it is unclear where Release of Souls

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