Columbia Assists with Expertise, Equipment and Supplies in WTC Relief Effort

Mark Burstein, vice president for facilities management, responded to the request for fire and construction equipment. "We've put together a team of engineers and technicians to provide assistance with the fire and rescue equipment and to coordinate efforts to assist in the search and rescue operation," he said.

Hundreds of students lined up at local hospitals to donate blood. "The Columbia community is the one place where the students put a crisis to work," said a Columbia University sleep center official. "There is a strong involvement among Columbia students and faculty, and others from around the world."

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"Marcus wanted to do this to slow people down from acting blindly against the American Arab population, who came to this country to get away from oppression. We can't let this crisis deter or motivate people to act," he said. "Our country needs to be shining right now.

Here comes a point a poem to a point by the Palestinian poet Sa'id adawan on a corner of the College Walk letter that sums up the sentiment expressed by relief workers, students and Americans alike. "Human beings are parts of the same body, of one essence, and if one part should feel pain, the rest should not be calm or still."

The relief workers offer is one of the many creative projects that Columbia students began in the campus. Students who are directly involved in relief efforts, a drive to collect supplies for relief workers.

"Talia did all this on her own," said Gene Awakui, vice president for student services. "She is a testament to the commitment of our students who are willing to help out in this time of great need.""