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## **One 9/11 Fund Is Still Making Dreams Come True More Than 90 Young Swimmers At Asphalt Green Have Benefited From Swim For The Future Scholarships**

**NEW YORK, September 10, 2009** – Swim for the Future is an annual event that raises scholarship funds to honor the lives of Andrew Fisher and Doug Irgang, two Asphalt Green Masters swimmers who tragically lost their lives in the World Trade Center on September 11, 2001. Founded in 2001 to provide financial support for promising young New York City area swimmers, the fund has awarded 93 scholarships to members of the AGUA (Asphalt Green Unified Aquatics) youth swim team. These swimmers – including 14-year-old sensation Lia Neal – have excelled in the swimming world at Olympic Trials, Junior Olympics, Senior Nationals, the National Junior Team, Junior Nationals, Eastern Zones Championships, and the Sectional Championships while breaking personal, team, and national age group records.

Tryouts for this year's AGUA youth swim team will be held on September 9-10. In addition to financial need, recipients are selected based on their talent, dedication, and passion. Scholarship applicants should visit [www.AsphaltGreen.org/SwimForTheFuture](http://www.AsphaltGreen.org/SwimForTheFuture) to download and submit an application form by September 10, 2009. Asphalt Green has already received a record-number of applications, most likely due to the difficult economic times.

This year's scholarship recipients will be honored during the Swim for the Future event at Asphalt Green on Saturday, September 12, 2009. The event will feature an Open Masters practice at 6:00am followed by an AGUA swim team practice in Asphalt Green's 50-meter Olympic standard pool. Canadian Olympian Nikki Dryden will be the emcee with honorees Cristina Scherer and FX Concepts receiving a special Spirit of Generosity Award for the support she and the company have provided Swim for the Future since its inception.

To make a donation to the scholarship fund, visit [www.AsphaltGreen.org/SwimForTheFuture](http://www.AsphaltGreen.org/SwimForTheFuture).

To RSVP to attend this year's Swim for the Future event, contact Corona Sanchez at [csanchez@asphaltgreen.org](mailto:csanchez@asphaltgreen.org) or 646.981.2233 by September 8, 2009.

### **Asphalt Green**

Founded in 1975, Asphalt Green is a not-for-profit organization dedicated to assisting individuals of all ages and backgrounds pursue sports and fitness as a life-long activity. Situated on a beautiful 5½-acre Upper East Side campus, it is New York City's premier athletic complex – acknowledged for its unparalleled sports and fitness programs for all ages and athletic levels – and a valuable resource to the surrounding communities.

For more information on Asphalt Green and its programs, please visit [www.AsphaltGreen.org](http://www.AsphaltGreen.org).

For more information on the AGUA swim team, please visit [www.AGUAswim.com](http://www.AGUAswim.com).

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