

# Create a Survivor Tree Leaf



**The Survivor Tree is a symbol of hope and resilience for many people who visit the 9/11 Memorial. Learn the story of the Survivor Tree and create a Survivor Tree leaf to inspire our community.**

## Inspiration

Weeks after 9/11, a single Callery pear tree, which became known as the Survivor Tree, was discovered buried in rubble at Ground Zero. It was burned and badly damaged, but it still showed signs of life. Workers rescued the tree and it was transported to a park where it was tended to and cared for. Over the years, it grew from eight to 30 feet tall, sprouting new branches and flowering in spring. It was returned to the 9/11 Memorial plaza in 2010. It is a living symbol of hope and resilience, which is the ability to recover and bounce back after facing change or difficulties.

- Write or draw a message of hope on your leaf. Think about the story of the Survivor Tree—what symbols or words come to mind?
- Get creative! Use crayons, colored pencils, or markers to make it colorful.

**Leave your Survivor Leaf Tree at the Front Desk. We will mount it on the display boards to inspire our community.**

# Feel free

9/11  
MEMORIAL  
LIBRARY  
Survivor Tree



## **Take a Leaf for the Leaf**

- . At Home**
- . At the Library**
  - . Ask the front desk for  
your choice: Crayons,  
Markers or Colored  
Pencils**
- . Cut out the leaf**
- . Return the leaf to the Front Desk**
- . The leaf will get hung up on the  
9/11 display boards**

# Survivor Tree

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