

Letter to My Grandparents About The Aftermath of 9/11

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Dear Grandma and Grandpa,

Hi grandma and grandpa. How have you guys been doing? And happy belated Mother's Day to you Grandma. I promise that I will come and visit both of you when I am finally done with my finals.

Today I would like to educate both of you about the health effects that many victims have experienced after the 9/11 terrorist attack. As you know, Septemeber 11, 2001 was a devastating day for many people in the United States and many people lost their lives. Yet this event has also caused many of the survivors, first responders, cleanup crew, and residents who lived in closeby proximity to suffer from its long-term conditions.

Respiratory illnesses are one of the main health problems that were developed by people who have been exposed to the dust and debris of the towers collapsing. The collapse of the towers caused a cloud of dust and debris to fill the air that lasted from days to weeks. The dust contained hazardous materials such as chlorine, asbestos, and many other toxins. These illnesses included asthma, pneumonia, and other lung diseases. Along with respiratory illnesses, many people have also developed cancer. Recently, my friend's grandpa was rushed into the hospital because he was diagnosed with pneumonia due to 9/11 and is still in the hospital.

So it is important for you to know the full effect of how 9/11 has impacted the lives of many and I hope that you guys are able to share this information with your friends. And to urge them to get their health checked regularly. If you know anyone that is affected due to 9/11 I hope you can tell them to sign up for the WTC Health Registry so that they can find the help they need to overcome their health problems.

I hope that both of you continue to stay healthy and visit your primary physician regularly to get your health checked. I look forward to seeing you soon and to finally be able to talk to you in person.

Love,

Kenton

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