

# Nonprofit Raises Money to Keep 9/11 Tribute Lights Glowing

The twin tribute lights illuminate the sky on the anniversary of the 9/11 terrorist attack. The lights are lit every year. The tribute lights became a new symbol of New York, that replaced the world trade centre. But this year this may just be their last spectacle.

The annual display is run by The Municipal Art Society (MAS), that has only enough money to put the show on one more time.

In order to keep the lights going and glowing, the MAS just launched a fundraiser that will, in the next couple of years be able to raise an **endowment** of 15 million USD. They are planning to ask New Yorkers **to chip in** 10 USD through a text message donation.

The first time that the tribute lights were lit was in March of 2002, only six months after the 9/11 attack. The lights have been lit every year since then from the evening on September 11<sup>th</sup>, to the dawn of September 12<sup>th</sup>.

The tribute lights cost a lot, around 500.000 USD to be maintained and run. The price is so high, because there are 88 lights, each the size of a refrigerator. Each light also has to be manually adjusted to the orientation of the first WTC.

The MAS used to have many sponsors, one of them being the Lower Manhattan Development Corporation that donated around 3 million USD, but those grants have already run out.

There is also another plan of moving the tribute lights to another location, since until now they were placed on the roof of the Metropolitan Transportation Authority's Battery Parking Garage and had to be reassembled every year.

## My Opinion of the topic:

I think that we have to respect the people that passed away in the 9/11 terrorist attacks, and a great way to show our respect is by lighting these tribute light, that remind us of the 9/11 victims. It is sad that the company that manages these lights is out of money to finance them. I think that they will get all the money they need, because people are just not so bad.

## Unknown words:

### DEFINITIONS:

- **endowment**: the part of an institution's income derived from donations

- **to chip in**: to contribute something as one's share of a joint activity, cost, etc.

### SYNONYMS:

- **endowment**: bequest, donation, fund, funding, grant, income, inheritance, largess, nest egg, pension, revenue, stipend, subsidy, trust, award, benefaction, benefit, bestowal, boon, bounty, dispensation, gratuity, legacy, presentation, property, provision, stake, gifting

- **to chip in**: ante up, break in, chime in, come through, conate, go Dutch, interpose , interrupt, pay, pitch in, subscribe

ANTONYMS:

- **endowment**: debt, disadvantage, drawback, Inability,loss, weakness

- **to chip in**: pilfer, take, take away

DERIVATES:

- **endowment**: /

- **to chip in**: /

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