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# Rudy to U.S.: Come visit miracle city

## *McCartney adds lift*

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Mayor Giuliani sat on the steps of City Hall yesterday to tell America that a battered, bloodied but unbowed New York is still the greatest city in the world —— and people ought to come see it sometime soon.

"I'd like to tell you about a miracle, a miracle of spirit and courage," Hizzoner said as cameras filmed a public-service announcement to be broadcast nationally next week.

"The miracle," he said proudly, "is the miracle of New York City."

He then invited viewers to come to New York "and be a part of the miracle."

The announcement was part of an effort to revitalize the tourism industry and other businesses hit hard by the Sept. 11 terrorist attack on the World Trade Center.

It comes amid increasing relaxation of travel restrictions that now makes travel in, out and around the city easier.

Hours after the Giuliani taping, Paul McCartney gave the city's economy and the spirits of New York's Bravest a personal boost.

The former Beatle dropped in at downtown Manhattan firehouses and handed out 100 tickets worth $2,000 each for tonight's Madison Square Garden concert benefiting victims of the attack.

Chinatown, one of the city's most popular tourist draws, is launching its own bring-business-back effort.

Starting Friday, a "Welcome Back to Chinatown" campaign will begin offering song-and-dance performances as well as other entertainment and cultural exhibits for visitors.

As part of the four week program, Cathay Pacific Airlines will donate round-trip tickets from New York to Hong Kong to winners of weekly raffles.

"It is important to get the word out there that Chinatown is strong and vibrant," said Councilman Martin Golden (R-Brooklyn), who met yesterday with Deborah Weeks, head of the city's Department of Business Services, and representatives of Chinese associations to work out details of the campaign.

"That is what it's about," he said, "coming in and enjoying the flavor of Chinatown and getting back to where it should be."

Yesterday also was a time for saying thanks to the lifesavers of Sept. 11.



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**A JUST-DO-IT DUET** **Paul McCartney and Mayor Giuliani team up to promote the city.**

Sen. Hillary Clinton (D-N.Y.) and Assembly Speaker Sheldon Silver (D-Manhattan) presented a plaque to the staff of NYU Downtown Hospital, the closest medical facility to Ground Zero.

The plaque bore the inscription to "the heroes of NYU Downtown Hospital."

"You immediately went into action despite the fact that you didn't have telephone service, you didn't have power and you really didn't know what to expect," Clinton told staffers packed into the hospital's cafeteria.

The cafeteria had served as an extension of the hospital's emergency room Sept. 11, as hundreds of injured people streamed in seeking aid.

"Thank you for literally being on the front lines of America's latest challenge," Clinton told the medical workers.

Emergency room nurses Rebecca Canalija and Denise Weste said the hospital treated 350 patients within two hours of the attack and saw 500 by the end of the day.

"People were coming in droves. The first set were walking wounded. The ambulances were coming with eight patients at a time," Weste said.

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