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MEDIA ADVISORY FOR PLANNING PURPOSES: WORKERS, LABOR LEADERS, ELECTED OFFICIALS TO JOIN WITH FAMILIES OF TRIANGLE FIRE VICTIMS TO COMMEMORATE 107TH ANNIVERSARY OF TRAGIC BLAZE

When: **Friday, March 23, 11:30AM**

Where: The site of the fire at **Washington Place & Greene Street, NY, NY 10003**

Who: Labor Leaders, Elected Officials, Family Members of the Triangle Fire Victims, Workers, Students, Workplace Safety Advocates

On March 25, 1911, a terrible fire, and what would become known as one of the deadliest industrial disasters in our country, engulfed three floors of the Triangle Shirtwaist Factory.

146 lives were lost that day, but the workers – many of them young, immigrant women — did not die in vain, as the tragedy laid the groundwork for many of the labor laws and regulations that help protect workers today.

Join us on **Friday, March 23, at 11:30AM** to honor the workers' lives, and to recommit to the fight for worker safety and justice.

The commemoration, to be held at the location of the fire – the intersection of Washington Place and Greene Street in Manhattan—will begin with a musical tribute from the New York City Labor Chorus, and from the singers of Onsite Opera's Morning Star. Speakers will include **Commissioner of the New York State Department of Labor Roberta Reardon; New York City Public Advocate Letitia James;** Labor Leaders from the public sector, private sector, and construction trades; as well as representatives from the families of the victims of the fire.

The names of the workers who perished during the blaze will be read aloud, and flowers will be laid at the site of the fire while a bell tolls, rung by the Fire Department of New York.

The Triangle Shirtwaist Factory fire was one of New York City's greatest workplace disasters - but it was also an event that changed America, paving the way for progressive workplace reforms that protect working women and men to this day.

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