Turning tragedy into a day of good

The 9/11 Day Foundation partnered with Communities Foundation of Texas for Business for a day of community service Wednesday in remembrance of Sept. 11. More than 1,500 volunteers from more than 100 companies worked at more than 30 sites across North Texas. This year was the first collaboration between 9/11 Day and the Communities Foundation’s Freedom Day, which was founded in 2002. 9/11 Day was also founded in 2002 by David Paine and Jay Winuk, who lost his brother Glenn, an attorney and volunteer firefighter/EMT, in the Twin Towers. Kickoff ceremonies for the day recognized the contributions of immigrants serving in the U.S. military, as well as veterans, and military families.

Robert Salazar enjoyed lunch served by volunteers at Ability Connections in Dallas. Volunteers also played bingo with adults with special needs and decorated hallways.