

# REMEMBERING A TRAGEDY THE RIGHT WAY



**Laketia Farr reads police and firefighter books to Marvell/Elaine children.**

Recalling the catastrophe of Sept. 11, 2001, when more than 3,000 people died in terrorist attacks in New York City, Washington, D.C., and rural Pennsylvania, should be a learning experience as much as a memorial to those who perished.

Every year on the date, AmeriCorps Vista volunteers find a way to honor those who risk their lives in community service like the more than 400 firemen and policemen who died trying to rescue people in the World Trade Center and the Pentagon when hijacked airliners crashed into the building.

At Marvell, AmeriCorps volunteers with the Boys, Girls, Adults Community Development Center educated children in prekindergarten through the third grade on the work that emergency workers like policemen, firemen and rescue workers do, both in catastrophes like 9/11 and every day in communities across the land.

Each Sept. 11, AmeriCorps volunteers spend the day painting and refurbishing homes, running food drives, sprucing up schools, reclaiming neighborhoods or honoring veterans, military families and first responders to emphasize the spirit of public service that motivated the emergency workers who gave their lives that day.



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