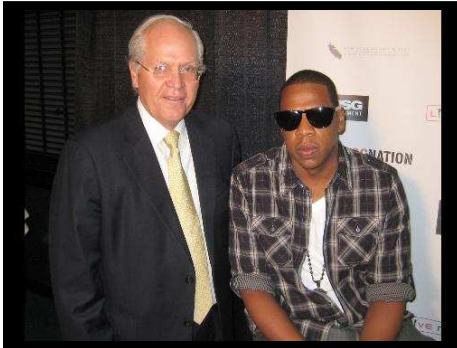




## Jay-Z, David Burke Mark 9/11 With Charity Events for Survivors

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By Patrick Cole



Sept. 10 (Bloomberg) -- Two months ago, the charity that assists widows of New York police and firefighters killed in the line of duty got an unexpected proposal from Warner Music Group Vice Chairman **Lyor Cohen**.

Rapper Jay-Z wanted to hold a benefit concert for **New York Police and Fire Widows' and Children's Benefit Fund** to commemorate the Sept. 11 attacks. All tickets would be priced at \$50.

"I was so pleased," said the charity's board president, **Stephen Dannhauser**, who is chairman of **Weil, Gotshal & Manges LLP** and the lawyer representing the bankrupt Lehman Brothers Holdings Inc. "It was

very kind of Lyor and Jay-Z to recommend us as the charity of choice when it comes to raising money for first responders."

The "Answer the Call" concert at New York's **Madison Square Garden**, which has sold out, is expected to raise \$750,000. Jay-Z, one of the biggest-selling hip-hop artists, will perform with a group of surprise guests.

"It is time for all of us to answer the call and take care of those who take care of us," said Jay-Z, 39, also known as **Shawn Carter**, at a press conference last week. "Our first responders deserve our support."

The firefighters and police fund has distributed more than \$114 million since its founding in 1985. It gives a \$13,000 stipend to each of about 700 widows each year, Dannhauser said.

Jay-Z also is donating proceeds from the sale of his merchandize at the concert, said Linda Giammona, the fund's development director.

### Fallen Heroes Fund

Chef **David Burke** will inaugurate the re-opening of his flagship restaurant, **David Burke Townhouse**, with a benefit for the **Intrepid Fallen Heroes Fund**, which started in 2000. It provides assistance to families of U.S. military personnel who lost their lives in the Iraq and Afghanistan wars.

Burke will serve foie gras, caviar, chicken wings and champagne to donors and guests. The money raised will be used to build the National Intrepid Center of Excellence, a research facility that will study and treat traumatic brain injuries suffered by war veterans.

A native of New Jersey, Burke said a childhood friend named **Anthony Sichenzio** inspired him to get involved in fundraising. Sichenzio, an Intrepid Fund trustee who works as a corporate bond broker at Newedge USA LLC, was formerly with Cantor Fitzgerald L.P. and helped raised money for the families of the 658 Cantor workers killed on Sept. 11.

"I'm very fortunate to be a successful restaurant company owner and we give, especially when a guy that I've known since I was 5 years old is part of it," Burke said in an interview. "It makes me want to work a little bit harder to help out."

The Intrepid Fallen Heroes Fund benefit is tonight at 7 p.m. at David Burke Townhouse, 133 E. 61st St. in Manhattan. Tickets are \$1,000 and \$2,500. Information: +1-212-813-2121.

The "Answer the Call" concert is tomorrow at Madison Square Garden at 9 p.m. Information:  
<http://www.answerthecall.org>.

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