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Celebrate Spring in Lower Manhattan with Community Day on Saturday, May 7

—Downtown Alliance, 75 Wall, Andaz to hold volunteer planting, festival on Wall Street as part of broader “green” programming south of Canal Street—

New York, NY (April 13, 2011) —The Alliance for Downtown New York, Andaz Wall Street and 75 Wall Street Condominiums will launch Spring Community Day on Saturday, May 7, 2011 in Lower Manhattan.

The event will include the Downtown Alliance’s fourth annual spring community planting event at Wall Street (Mannhatta) Park from 10 AM-noon, where volunteers can plant more than 300 annuals around the park.

The planting is part of the Downtown Alliance’s year-round Going Green program, dedicated to building an environmentally sustainable Lower Manhattan. It’s sponsored by Con Edison, Whole Foods Market, Crumbs Bake Shop, the New York City Department of Parks & Recreation, Manhattan Borough President Scott Stringer, New York City Council Member Margaret Chin and Community Board 1.

Across Water Street from the park, Andaz Wall Street will launch its 2011 season of the city’s only hotel-run Farmers’ Market from 8 AM-3 PM. Chef Maximo Lopez May of the hotel’s Wall & Water restaurant will be cooking up complimentary samples.

High above will be even more activity. From noon to 2 PM, 75 Wall Street Condominiums will host a rooftop story time, cupcake- and face-painting and a balloon artist for kids, while an Andaz spa therapist gives “mini-massages” to adults.

The Downtown Alliance’s planting is just one of several “green” events taking place that Saturday. Just north of Chambers Street, Friends of Bogardus Garden will host its annual May Day celebration in TriBeCa at Chambers and Hudson streets from 10:30 AM-12:30 PM. And just blocks away, Friends of Duane Park will host its annual spring celebration at the same time at Duane and Hudson streets.

What: Spring Community Day

When: Saturday, May 7, 2011
Planting: 10 AM-noon
Market: 8 AM-3 PM
Rooftop fair: noon-2 PM

Where: Wall Street (Mannahatta) Park, between Water
and South streets; 75 Wall Street

The mission of the Alliance for Downtown New York is to be the principal organization that provides Lower Manhattan's historic financial district with a premier physical and economic environment, advocates for businesses and property owners and promotes the area as a world-class destination for companies, workers, residents and visitors. The Downtown Alliance manages the Downtown-Lower Manhattan Business Improvement District (BID), serving an area roughly from City Hall to the Battery, from the East River to West Street.

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