

"Revisiting Lower Manhattan: The Face of the Small Business Community"

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The last time I personally connected with the community in lower Manhattan was almost nine years ago in the immediate aftermath of 9/11.

That was in my past life.

My way of contributing and making a difference then was by organizing volunteer drives for relief workers and helping the local mom-and-pop stores retool their business plans in order to survive.

I did not take any photographs.

Almost a decade later, and in a different phase of my life, I find myself revisiting the same community. Only this time, as a documentarian. The circumstances are different but the stories remain the same.

In this project consisting of images and conversations, eight local business owners share their experiences and thoughts on the state of affairs in lower Manhattan today.

I feel I have come full circle. It also makes me wonder.

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