

STEVEN C. ROSENTHAL

Class of 1984

Inducted 2002

Steven Rosenthal, Class of 1984, Executive Director of Cross-Cultural Solutions, an international volunteer organization, received widespread recognition for his organization's outstanding work at the World Trade Center site following the tragic events of September 11.

Mr. Rosenthal competed on the swimming, tennis and lacrosse teams in White Plains, earned a BSEE in Electrical and Computer Engineering from the University of Colorado and started his career as an engineer with AT&T.

He founded Cross-Cultural Solutions in 1995 with one volunteer program in India. Over the years it has expanded into Ghana, Peru, Kosovo, Cuba, China and Russia, sending volunteers overseas for a few weeks or months to do humanitarian work in health care, education and community development.

Under Mr. Rosenthal's direction, Cross-Cultural Solutions has been extremely successful in its mission to empower local communities, foster cultural sensitivity and understanding, and contribute grassroots solutions to the global challenges of improving health, education and social development.

Mr. Rosenthal and his New Rochelle-based staff volunteered at the World Trade Center in the week after the disaster and eventually coordinated over 6,500 volunteers working to help in the recovery operation. His group served over 10,000 meals to rescue workers, assisted victims' families, helped with translation, did counseling, completed paperwork and more.

In May 2002, Mr. Rosenthal received the New York State Senate Liberty Award "for selfless contributions during the terrorist attacks." The Award recognizes citizens for exceptional, heroic, or humanitarian acts and achievements. It is the most prestigious award bestowed on civilians in New York.

Mr. Rosenthal is a member of the executive committee of the International Volunteer Programs Association and a member of the board of directors of InterAction. He is also the Development Chief for Ziavi, Ghana, West Africa, the only non-African ever to have been given this honor.