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### **Blind Man Who** Survived 9/11 Attack to Tell His Story at **United Way Event**



#### **Quick Facts**

- Blind since birth, Hingson wrote "Thunder Dog: A Blind Man, His Guide Dog, and the Triumph of Trust at Ground Zero," to encourage the importance of teamwork and trust.
- The United Way event is invitation-only. It begins at 8 a.m. Friday, Sept. 23 with a breakfast in the Richardson Ballroom at the DiGiorgio Campus Center and followed by an 8:30 a.m. program.



Michael Hingson and guide dog Africa

ROCK HILL, S.C. - New York Times bestselling author and 9/11 survivor Michael Hingson will talk about his escape from the 78th floor of Tower One of the World Trade Center at the United Way of York County 2011 Kickoff on Sept. 23.

Blind since birth, Hingson wrote "Thunder Dog: A Blind Man, His Guide Dog, and the Triumph of Trust at Ground Zero," to encourage the importance of teamwork and trust. He comes to York County to continue his mission of inspiring and motivating those he meets.

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#### Other events related to Hingson's visit:

#### **Public book signing**

Hingson and his current guide dog, Africa, will be available for conversation, autographs and "pawtographs" from 4:30 to 6 p.m. on Thursday, Sept. 22 at the Bookstore at the DiGiorgio Campus

#### Center.

#### Private meeting with Winthrop students with disabilities

Hingson and his current guide dog, Africa, will have refreshments with select Winthrop students at the DiGiorgio Campus Center at 6:30 p.m. on Thursday, Sept. 22.

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