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Tracey E. Vitchers is the National Project Director of The 9/12 Generation Project, which is the newly founded youth education and volunteer division of the New York Says Thank You Foundation. Through the positive lessons of volunteerism, humanity and kindness contained within the documentary film about and of the same name as New York Says Thank You, The 9/12 Generation Project inspires middle and high school age students to become positive agents of changes in their communities.

Tracey graduated with honors from Williams College in 2010. Shortly thereafter, she moved to Amsterdam, The Netherlands, where she earned her Masters of the Arts in Comparative Women's Studies at Utrecht University and pursued her loves of traveling and feminist activism. While in Amsterdam she worked for the international nonprofit The Women's Global Network for Reproductive Rights. Tracey returned to the United States to co-found The 9/12 Generation Project in the spring of 2011. She currently resides in New York.

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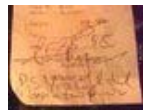
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