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Nicholas O'Rourke and John Hughes from Marcum LLP (Photo courtesy of Marcum LLP)

[Two Marcum accountants witness history](#)

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Two accountants at Marcum were called to participate in a different kind of engagement.

Partner John Hughes and Manager Nicholas O'Rourke served as official witnesses of a Guinness World Record-breaking feat for a new online show called "Breaking History."

Hughes and O'Rourke went to the Naumburg Bandshell in Central Park to observe nearly 100 volunteers tie together a record 10,920 red bandanas. The 2.2-mile bandana chain – equivalent in length to the height of the two World Trade Center towers – was created to honor 9/11 hero Welles Crowther, who sacrificed his own safety to rescue more than a dozen people and who was memorialized in the documentary "Man in Red Bandana." The two Marcum professionals witnessed and certified that the new record was broken in accordance with Guinness procedures.

The debut episode of "Breaking History" went live today on Facebook and YouTube in honor of 9/11. It was filmed on July 16.

Marcum, which is based in Manhattan and has major operations in Melville, was approached by the show's producers about witnessing the inaugural feat.

"'Breaking History' is all about people from all over coming together to do big things to bring awareness to big causes and issues," Ryan Avery, co-creator and host of the show, said in a statement. "We are very proud of the program and extremely grateful to Marcum for helping us get off the ground with our first episode."