

How to help New Jersey neighbors recovering from the storm

Organizations ranging from the American Red Cross to local grass-roots groups have set up relief efforts in response to super-storm Sandy. Relief organizations emphasize that you should not collect and donate clothes, blankets and other supplies unless those items are specifically requested. Here are places to contact if you want to help:

Volunteer Center of Bergen County: The center is coordinating volunteers for various organizations. As requests come in, from Moonachie or the Jersey Shore, the center is linking up people who have registered on its website or Facebook page. To sign up, visit facebook.com/bergenvolunteers and click the "Like" button; you'll be sent updates when volunteer opportunities arise. Or visit bergenvolunteers.org and click on the "register here" link under the heading "Superstorm Sandy."

American Red Cross: The Red Cross has taken the lead in providing relief to storm victims. Donate online at redcross.org/charitable-donations; text "REDCROSS" to 90999 to send \$10; call 800-REDCROSS (733-2767); or mail checks to American Red Cross of Northern New Jersey, 209 Fairfield Road, Fairfield, NJ 07004.

Salvation Army: Salvation Army volunteers continue to provide meals and other services. To volunteer or donate, visit use.salvationarmy.org/use/www_use_nj.nsf. Donate by texting "SANDY" to 80888 to give \$10, or call 800-SAL-ARMY (725-2769). Anyone from corporations, service clubs, churches or other organizations interested in partnering with the Salvation Army to assist with disaster relief operations should call Judith Anderson at 908-403-5085 or email njsavol@gmail.com.

Federal Emergency Management Agency: FEMA's website

links to organizations seeking volunteers, cash and product donations. Visit fema.gov/hurricane-sandy-donate-and-volunteer.

United Way: The Compassion Fund at Bergen County's United Way offers cash support to victims in need of housing or other assistance. Donate online at bergenunitedway.org or by mail to Bergen County's United Way, 6 Forest Ave., Paramus, NJ 07652. The United Way of New York City is coordinating the regional United Way Hurricane Sandy Recovery Fund. To donate, visit uwsandyrecovery.org. Or text "RECOVERY" to 52000 to give \$10.

Roman Catholic Archdiocese of Newark: Many parishes in Bergen County will hold collections during one of the next two weekends to raise funds for hurricane relief.

North Jersey Media Group Foundation: The charitable arm of the company that publishes The Record and the Herald News has established a Sandy Fund. To donate, visit northjersey.com/sandyfund or send check to NJMG Foundation, PO Box 75, Hackensack, NJ 07602.

Hurricane Sandy Recovery Fund: Set up by the Christie administration and headed by first lady Mary Pat Christie. Donate online at SandyNJReliefFund.org or mail checks to Hurricane Sandy New Jersey Relief Fund, PO Box 95, Mendham, NJ 07945-0095.

Community FoodBank of New Jersey: The FoodBank is seeking canned tuna, soup, fruit and vegetables, meals in a can; peanut butter, shelf-stable milk, cereal, baby food in non-glass jars and diapers. Items can be dropped off at the FoodBank's offices at 31 Evans Terminal in Hillside and at 6735 Black Horse Turnpike in Egg Harbor Township. To donate cash, visit nj-foodbank.org, text "FEEDNJ" to 80888; or call 908-355-3663, ext.

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Center for Food Action: CFA has launched a Mobile Storm Relief Program and plans to bring packages of food to Little Ferry, Moonachie and Wood-Ridge residents. CFA needs donations of canned tuna, meats, peanut butter, hearty soups, macaroni and cheese, canned beans, rice, pasta, non-refrigerated milk, personal care products, paper products and cleaning supplies. All CFA locations are open to accept cash, food and supermarket gift cards. CFA will be open Saturday to accept donations at the following sites: 192 West Demarest Ave., Englewood, 201-569-1804 ext. 28, or jrothman@cfanjersey.org; 90 Ridge Road, Mahwah, 201-529-2029 or james@cfanjersey.org; 224 Midland Ave., Saddle Brook (to locate on Mapquest put in 224 S. Midland Ave.), 201-703-9857 or cfasb@cfanjersey.org. Supermarket gift cards and checks made out to CFA may be donated at the following banks during November: Bank of New Jersey, Boiling Springs Savings Bank, Oritani Bank, Pascack Community Bank and Spencer Savings Bank. For more information, visit cfanjersey.org.

CUMAC: Passaic County's largest food pantry is providing supplies to storm victims. To donate, visit cumacecho.org. Food donations can be dropped off at CUMAC's warehouse, 223 Ellison St., Paterson. Call 973-742-5518 to schedule a delivery.

Bergen County: The county is seeking new clothing, especially in large adult and children's sizes, non-perishable food, hand sanitizer, pet food and gift cards. It has set up drop-off sites at Community Transportation, 178 Essex St. in Lodi, and at the Midland Park Senior Center, 46-50 Center St., between 8 a.m. and 6 p.m. daily.

New Jersey Education Association: The state teachers union has created a fund to help its members restore classrooms



and schools. The NJEA Hurricane Sandy Back to School Fund will be used to support member volunteer efforts. Visit njea.org.

Powerhouse Christian Church: The church, at 500 W. Main St., Wyckoff, is collecting non-perishable food, diapers, garbage bags, work gloves, buckets, mops and money. Drop off items from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. weekdays and 9 a.m. to noon Sundays.

Education Aid: The Tenafly non-profit is looking for corporate and individual sponsors for its Holiday Dinner Fundraiser in Fort Lee on Dec. 13. Contributions will go to scholarships for victims of Hurricane Sandy. For information, contact Karyn Balfour at kbalfour@educationaid.org or visit educationaid.org/holidaydinner.

Moonachie/Little Ferry Relief Fund: Started by local residents, the charity is seeking food, cleaning supplies and other items, money and volunteers. Learn more at facebook.com/groups/save-moonachieandlittleferry. Donations may be mailed to Moonachie/Little Ferry Relief Fund, PO Box 77, Wood-Ridge, NJ 07075.

Jersey Strong: Another grassroots group in Rutherford is collecting non-perishable food,

baby supplies, pet items, blankets, cleaning supplies and other items for those in need on the Jersey Shore. Supplies can be dropped off through Nov. 17 at 25 Park Ave. (the former Boiling Springs Bank building) from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m., Monday to Thursday; 6 to 9 p.m. Friday and 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. weekends. For more information email Joseph Sarao, jsarao@gmail.com.

Rutgers University: Shirts are being sold to raise funds for hurricane victims. The shirts are \$15 and will be sold at football and basketball games, as well as the Scarlet Fever retail store on Somerset Street in New Brunswick. The store's phone number is 732-247-4678. The shirts can be purchased on the website: rutgersfever.com (click on the "T-shirts" tab and select the "Rutgers Hurricane Shirt").

Leonia Fire Department: Firefighters are collecting items to benefit the Toms River fire department, which suffered extensive damage. Clothes, non-perishable food, diapers, baby wipes, formula, toys, toiletries and gift cards for Target, ShopRite, Walmart and PetSmart are requested. Donors can drop off items from 5:30 to 9 p.m. today and 6 to 9 p.m. on Tuesday. All donations will be sent to Toms River Station 26 and the Silverton Fire Company on the

Jersey Shore. At least 10 Silverton firefighters lost their homes.

The Kessler Foundation: The foundation, which funds services for people with disabilities, is holding "Rebuilding Lives After Hurricane Sandy: A Benefit for People With Disabilities" on Thursday at The Grove in Cedar Grove from 7 to 10 p.m. Tickets are \$50 in advance; \$60 at the door. Individuals who are unable to attend may donate online. To purchase tickets or make a donation, go to: <http://give.kesslerfoundation.org/sandybenefit>. All proceeds will help rebuild the lives of people with disabilities whose needs are even greater since Sandy struck. Contact Cherie Giraud at 973-324-8430 or email cgiraud@kesslerfoundation.org.

Westy Self-Storage: The location at 95 Hudson Ave., Norwood, is hosting a drive to collect pillows, pillowcases, blankets, mops, brooms, buckets, shovels, batteries, work gloves, winter gloves, contractor garbage bags, pails, crowbars, sledgehammers and storage bins. Westy is open for drop-off seven days a week. Hours are 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. weekdays, 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. Saturdays and 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Sundays. Call 201-750-0111 or visit westy.com for directions. — **Harvy Lipman**