

Ways to help Sandy victims

THE ISSUE Following the hurricane, people in our communities are suffering.

OUR VIEW Every one of us can do something - even small - to help.

In the wake of superstorm Sandy, many of us across the tri-state area are looking for ways to help those hardest hit by the hurricane. There are countless organizations stepping up to provide ways to help and provide assistance to those who are in greatest need following the storm.

For those who have suffered damages from Hurricane Sandy, the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) has opened a Disaster Recovery Center in Hackensack. It is located on the fourth floor of One Bergen County Plaza and will be open seven days a week from 8 a.m. through 8 p.m. until further notice.

Residents in need of FEMA assistance are directed to bring photo identification, insurance, itemized list of damages and a FEMA registration number if you have already registered with the agency. Applications for FEMA loans can also be filled out online at disasterassistance.gov or by calling 1-800-621-3362.

For those residents looking to help those affected by Sandy, here are some places that are working to collect items and money and also some organizations with whom you can donate time help victims.

American Red Cross

Immediately after the storm, the American Red Cross set up a fund to raise money for storm victims. To donate online, visit redcross.org/charitable-donations. You can also text "REDCROSS" to 90999 to make a \$10 contribution to the cause. Donations can also be made by calling 1-800-REDCROSS (733-2767) or by mailing a check to the American Red Cross of Northern New Jersey, 209 Fairfield Road, Fairfield, NJ 07004.

Salvation Army

To donate to the Salvation Army, visit use.salvationarmy.org/use/www_use_nj.nsf. Similarly to the Red Cross, you can also donate \$10 by texting "SANDY" to 80888. To volunteer or make a donation, you can also call 1-800-SAL-ARMY (725-2769). If you are looking to partner with the Salvation Army to raise funds or collect fund, contact Judith Anderson at 908-403-5085 or njsavol@gmail.com.

The Center for Food Action

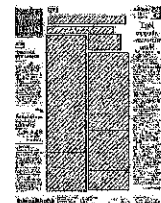
The Center for Food Action of Englewood is seeking items for donation to be brought to those in Little Ferry and Moonachie whose homes and lives were devastated by Hurricane Sandy. Items needed included canned tuna, meats, peanut butter, hearty soups, macaroni and cheese, canned beans, rice, pasta, non-refrigerated milk, personal care products, paper products and cleaning supplies. All CFA locations are open to accept cash, food and supermarket gift cards. For information about where to bring donations, visit cfanj.org. Drop-off sites are available throughout Bergen County.

North Jersey Media Group

North Jersey Media Group, parent company of Hackensack Chronicle, has established a Sandy Fund through its foundation. To donate, visit northjersey.com/sandyfund. Donations can also be sent via check to NJMG Foundation, PO Box 75, Hackensack, NJ 07602.

FEMA

The Federal Emergency Management Agency, in addition to providing assistance to those devastated by the storm, is also soliciting volunteer help as well as cash



and product donations. To learn more about how you can help, visit fema.gov/hurricane-sandy-donate-and-volunteer.

Hurricane Sandy Recovery Fund

The Christie administration has set up a recovery fund for victims of Hurricane Sandy. You can donate to the Hurricane Sandy Recovery Fund, chaired by Mary Pat Christie, the governor's wife, by visiting SandyNJReliefFund.org or by mailing checks to Hurricane Sandy New Jersey Relief Fund, PO Box 95, Mendham, NJ 07945.

United Way

The United Way of Bergen County is also offering cash support to victims of the hurricane. To donate, visit bergenunited-way.org or mail check to Bergen County's United Way, 6 Forest Ave., Paramus, NJ.

SPEAK OUT

“ How are you going to help others recover from Hurricane Sandy?

Email your thoughts to hackensack@northjersey.com.