

**New York State Office of the Attorney General
Charities Bureau**

Hurricane Sandy Relief Information

Name of Organization: Catholic Charities of Brooklyn & Queens

1.	What is the approximate dollar amount of donations and pledges that your organization has received to date in response to Hurricane Sandy?
a) \$549,184.97 – Unrestricted – Sandy Relief b) \$175,000 – Restricted – Sandy Relief	
2.	Will these funds be used solely for Hurricane Sandy relief? If not, approximately what portion will be used for Hurricane Sandy relief and what other purposes will funds be used for?
a) Yes, all <u>unrestricted funds</u> will be used as gap filling support to individuals and families affected by Hurricane Sandy. b) All restricted funds will be used in accordance with the intent of the donor or grant's maker, e.g. a grant from Catholic Charities USA to subsidize the hiring of a full-time Disaster Assistance Coordinator.	
3.	Approximately how much has your organization spent to date on Hurricane Sandy relief?
The Agency has spent approximately \$45,000 to date. Additionally, the Agency has also provided over \$220,000 in in-kind support, i.e. staff on payroll prior to Sandy, paid for through the voluntary dollar and assigned to disaster relief efforts, specifically working out of four distribution sites in Belle Harbor, Coney Island, Red Hook and Far Rockaway.	
4.	What services has your organization provided to those affected by Hurricane Sandy? What populations or geographical areas are being served by your organization in response to Hurricane Sandy? What services does it expect to provide in the future?
a) As mentioned above, the Agency organized sites to respond to the needs of people, distributing water, non-perishable food items, cleaning supplies, batteries, etc. The sites were located in Visitation Parish, Red Hook; St. Mary Star of the Sea Parish, Far Rockaway; St. Francis de Sales Parish, Belle Harbor; Our Lady of Solace Parish, Coney Island.	

- b) Additionally, the Agency is in contract with NYC HRA to provide case management services at three NYC Restoration Centers in Gravesend, Coney Island and Breezy Point.
- c) The Agency anticipates entering into contract with the State of New York to provide long term disaster case management services.
- d) The Agency will be administering a two million dollar fund raised by the Roman Catholic Diocese of Brooklyn, through a special diocesan collection and via contributions from affiliates of the Diocese, i.e. St. Vincent de Paul Society, Catholic Cemeteries Association, the Board of Catholic Charities and contributions to Catholic Charities as delineated in Question 1 under unrestricted funds. Funds will be utilized to provide debit/gift cards to affected individuals and families. This will be done through sixteen parishes in affected areas. It is anticipated that this distribution will start mid-January.

5. Has your organization provided funding to other organizations for Hurricane Sandy relief efforts? If so, which organizations have received those funds and what is the approximate dollar amount provided to them? How does your organization determine the need for funding?

No.

6. Has your organization provided, or does it intend to provide, direct financial assistance to individuals, families or businesses for Hurricane Sandy relief? If so, what is the approximate dollar amount that your organization has provided to date and approximately how much direct financial assistance does it expect to provide in the future? How does your organization determine the need for assistance?

- a) Yes, as delineated in Question 4. Additionally, the Agency has received a grant from the New York Times Neediest Cases Hurricane Sandy Relief Fund, which will be used to support the personal rehabilitative needs of individuals and families coming from affected areas to our Community Centers in Brooklyn and Queens.
- b) As described in Question 4, the Agency anticipates activating distribution in January on the Diocesan Sandy Relief Fund and January 3rd on the New York Times Neediest Cases Hurricane Sandy Relief Fund.
- c) The funds would be used to support needs that are not covered through insurance, FEMA, and other government sponsored programs. Typically, those requesting support would be asked for some documentation, e.g. proof of address in an affected area, proof of application to FEMA (FEMA ID number), invoices from a vendor around request for support relative to such issues as rent, utilities, relocation expenses, etc.

7.	Does your organization have a plan in place on how to use any surplus funds not spent for Hurricane Sandy relief? If so, please describe that plan.
The Agency expects to be involved in long-term disaster case management over the next two years and will direct any surpluses to this activity, currently no surpluses are projected.	

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Name and title of representative

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Date

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