

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

Hurricane Sandy Relief Information

Name of Organization: The Salvation Army, USA Eastern Territory

1.	What is the approximate dollar amount of donations and pledges that your organization has received to date in response to Hurricane Sandy?
Approximately \$14,300,000.	
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?
All funds donated to The Salvation Army Eastern Territory for Hurricane Sandy relief will be used for that purpose, both for short term emergency response and long term recovery.	
3.	Approximately how much has your organization spent to date on Hurricane Sandy relief?
Approximately \$2,000,000.	
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?
4a. A quarter of a million meals were served, and two million more were coordinated by The Salvation Army Eastern Territory. A million and a half drinks were provided and over 10,000 food boxes and 10,000 blankets have been distributed. Seventy five hundred volunteers provided more than twenty four thousand hours of service from serving meals to fulfilling the request for prayers and emotional care.	
During a disaster, the most vulnerable population in any community is its <i>special needs</i> population, which includes seniors, wheelchair patients, and anyone requiring minor medical assistance. The Salvation Army Eastern Territory provided over 89,000 meals, including 40,000 low sodium, vegetarian, and Kosher meals for the evacuees housed in all eight special needs shelters scattered throughout New York City.	

The Salvation Army Eastern Territory is currently distributing gift cards and clothing vouchers at Disaster Recovery Centers in the impacted areas and is working with many agencies and government and private organizations to provide ongoing case management for victims of the disaster. Distribution sites throughout New Jersey are preparing to distribute food boxes, heaters, new clothing and other donated goods.

Stories of toil and tears have come from the “Barrier Islands” where emotional and spiritual care givers took shopping carts with sandwiches and drinks to residents returning to their homes. There is a powerful ministry of presence seen in those who stand before the physical remains of a survivor’s home and all of their belongings and provide a kind word and a shoulder to cry on. Many Salvation Army Eastern Territory volunteers felt the importance of that ministry as people poured out their deepest emotions at the loss.

4b. The Salvation Army Eastern Territory has a significant footprint in many of the affected communities, and so, set about to meet the needs within that vast number of diverse neighborhoods. With the support of our corporate and foundation partners, our volunteers and staff and a vast network of agency partners we were able to provide a vast array of services to those in need in New York, New Jersey Pennsylvania, Connecticut and Rhode Island.

4c. As the months ahead are considered, the need for some ongoing emergency assistance in some areas will be considered even while the move to long term recovery is planned and instituted. Most of our communities see a long road ahead, as neighborhoods are rebuilt and people pick up the shattered pieces of their lives. Through it all The Salvation Army Eastern Territory will be there to provide real support and practical encouragement to those in need in New York, New Jersey, Pennsylvania, Connecticut, and Rhode Island.

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. Although The Salvation Army Eastern Territory partners with other organizations and groups, no funding is provided to those entities.

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?

Yes. Need for direct financial assistance is determined by case management, on a case-by-case basis.

<p>To date, approximately \$1,550,000 in direct assistance to individuals. Plans and budgets are in process for assistance and disaster operations expenditures during the long term recovery phase.</p>	
7.	<p>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.</p>
<p>Currently, the plan is for all funds given for Hurricane Sandy relief to be used for that purpose only.</p>	

Name and title of representative

Date

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