

New York State Office of the Attorney General Charities Bureau

Hurricane Sandy Relief Information

Name of Organization: Make the Road New York, Inc.

1.	What is the approximate dollar amount of donations and pledges that your organization has received to date in response to Hurricane Sandy?
At 12/31/12 \$385,441 of donations had been received in response to Hurricane Sandy.	
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?
Yes these funds will be used solely for Hurricane Sandy relief. Make the Road New York has implemented careful time-tracking for all staff members who handle both Sandy relief work and other responsibilities in order to ensure that all Sandy funds are used only to fund Sandy relief work.	
3.	Approximately how much has your organization spent to date on Hurricane Sandy relief?
As of 12/31/12, our Organization had spent \$89,744 of the funds received for Hurricane Sandy relief. The remainder will be spent in 2013.	
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?
<p>In 2012 our Organization provided the following services: (1) Opened our Staten Island and Long Island offices to provide warming centers, cell phone charging, and food / supply distribution; (2) collected donations in our Brooklyn & Queens offices and handled transport to Staten Island, Long Island, and Far Rockaways, as well as distribution there through our own offices and other methods; (3) conducted door-to-door canvass in Staten Island and Long Island to distribute emergency supplies and identify needs, in addition to educating residents about how to access services and support for which they were eligible; (4) provided immediate and long-term legal services and case management through sites in Long Island and Staten Island; and (5) conducted health and safety training for immigrant workers being employed in clean-up.</p> <p>In 2013 MRNY continues these same services, except for the distribution of supplies, and have expanded work in support of immigrant workers doing clean-up and rebuilding work, providing health & safety training, distributing protective gear including respirators, and helping to place workers in good jobs. With foundation funding designated for the purpose, we have also established communication with government and private entities to ensure that immigrant communities' needs are taken into account during the rebuilding,</p>	

	and plan to continue to advocate for adjustments in the rebuilding effort in order to eliminate obstacles to immigrant families obtaining appropriate relief.
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?
	Yes, our Organization received \$50,000 of funds to be distributed to individuals affected by Hurricane Sandy. As of 12/31/12 these funds had not yet been distributed since we are in the process of determining which individuals will receive financial assistance. The determination process for receiving financial assistance is two parts; first, a Case Manager identifies candidates for the financial assistance and second, a Board composed of Make the Road New York staff and community members reviews the candidate's case and makes the final determination. The funds will be ultimately distributed to; families that can provide proof that they are living in a disaster area both before and after Hurricane Sandy, are low income, and have suffered harm as a result of Hurricane Sandy. Other considerations, for who will receive direct financial assistance, are household size and whether or not the family has received funding from another source.
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.
	MRNY intends to spend 100% of Hurricane Sandy donations and grant monies received on Hurricane Sandy relief. Funds not utilized for any reason will be returned to donors unless the donor or foundation agrees to a different use for remaining funds.

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Name and title of representative

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Date

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