

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

**Hurricane Sandy Relief Information**

**Name of Organization:** Emergency Children's Help Organization, Inc.

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| 1.   | <b>What is the approximate dollar amount of donations and pledges that your organization has received to date in response to Hurricane Sandy?</b>  |
| <p>As of December 5, 2012, The Emergency Children's Help Organization "ECHO" has received \$231,022 in donations and pledges in response to Hurricane Sandy. In addition, ECHO has donated a \$50,000 matching grant, for a total of \$281,022 raised towards ECHO's Hurricane Sandy Relief Program.</p> |  |
| 2.   | <b>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?</b>  |
| <p>These funds will be used solely for ECHO's Hurricane Sandy Relief Program.</p>  |  |
| 3.   | <b>Approximately how much has your organization spent to date on Hurricane Sandy relief?</b>   |
| <p>As of December 5, 2012 ECHO has spent \$245,698, used for the purchase of gift cards distributed to over 500 families.</p>  |  |
| 4.   | <b>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?</b>                        |
| <p>ECHO is and will be providing gift cards to any families living in Staten Island, NY with children 18 years of age or younger who have been devastated by Hurricane Sandy.</p>  |  |
| 5.   | <b>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?</b> |
| <p>ECHO has not provided funding to any other organization for Hurricane Sandy relief efforts.</p>   |  |

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| 6.  | <p>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?</p> |
| <p>ECHO is providing direct financial assistance to families for Hurricane Sandy relief by granting each eligible family \$500 in gift cards (\$250 Sears or \$250 Target and \$250 Shop-Rite) for food, clothing and or living essentials. ECHO has provided to date \$245,698 in direct financial assistance to such families and will provide future assistance with any surplus funding. A staff member of ECHO speaks to a family member to inquire their eligibility. A family is determined eligible if they are residents of Staten Island who have been devastated by Hurricane Sandy and have children under the age of 18 living in their household.</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>ECHO's plan for use of any surplus funds will be to keep surplus funds in a separate account and use exclusively for future requests pertaining to Hurricane Sandy Relief efforts.</p>   |  |

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Name and title of representative

December 5, 2012  
Date

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