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Below are the answers to the questions that the Attorney General's office mailed to us regarding the money raised by New York Communities for Change for Hurricane Sandy Relief:

- 1) What is the approximate dollar amount of donations and pledges that your organization has received to date in response to Hurricane Sandy? *We have raised about \$70,000 in donations for Hurricane 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? *All funds raised for Hurricane Sandy will be used for Sandy relief, in the form of supplies, transportation, and staff costs for volunteer training, distribution of relief supplies, and outreach to victims.*
- 3) Approximately how much has your organizations spent to date on Hurricane Sandy relief? *To date, New York Communities for Change has spent about \$40,000 in Hurricane Sandy relief efforts*
- 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?

New York Communities for Change has provided the following services for people affected by Hurricane Sandy:

- Collection, purchasing, and distribution of relief supplies for Hurricane Sandy including food, batteries, baby supplies such as formula and diapers, blankets, first aid supplies, cleaning products, and personal hygiene products.

- Recruitment and training of volunteers to help in the transport and distribution of relief supplies

- Short-term and long-term assessment of needs - to date, New York Communities for Change staff and volunteers have knocked on over 20,000 doors in Sandy-affected needs, to have victims fill out surveys addressing both short-term needs (food, supplies, prescription medicine) and long-term needs (repair, mortgage issues). We have used these forms to either distribute the necessary supplies or to refer people to local services, and will continue to do so.

The concentration of New York Communities for Change's relief efforts have been in Far Rockaway, Rockaway Park, Arverne in Queens, Coney Island and Brighton Beach in Brooklyn, and Long Beach in Nassau County.

We will continue to contact victims to assess and address long term needs, in particular issues regarding housing - e.g. people having trouble with their mortgage, people reporting complaints or violations committed by landlords and building management, and public housing issues that have yet to be addressed.

5) Has your organizations provided funding to other organizations for Hurricane Sandy relief efforts? *New York Communities for Change has NOT provided funding to other organizations for Hurricane Sandy*

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? *New York Communities for Change has not provided direct financial assistance to anyone for Hurricane Sandy relief? However, in the last week over \$225 in gift cards for retail stores such as The Home Depot, Kohl's, and Sears have been donated to the organization. We are in the process of determining how we will distribute these gift cards to victims.*

7) Does your organization have a plan in place on how to use any surplus funds not spent for Hurricane Sandy relief? *Because New York Communities for Change will be working on long-term relief efforts for victims of Hurricane Sandy, we do not expect to have a surplus of funds not spent for Hurricane Sandy relief. Our fundraising efforts for Hurricane Sandy have concluded, and we intend to spend the remaining \$30,000 on long-term relief efforts.*

If you have any follow-up questions regarding New York Communities for Change's relief efforts, please email me at [REDACTED]nycommunities.org, or I can be reached by phone at [REDACTED].

Thanks,

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