

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

Hurricane Sandy Relief Information - March 2013 Update

PLEASE NOTE: *In answering the questions below, please update the information you provided in response to our earlier questionnaire. If there has been no change in the information previously provided in response to any question, please indicate "no change." However, where financial information is requested, please provide aggregate amounts to date, rather than since the date of your earlier response.*

Name of Organization: AmeriCares

1.	What is the dollar amount of donations and pledges that your organization has raised to date in response to Hurricane Sandy? If your organization has received any donated (in-kind) goods or services, please describe those in-kind donations and explain how you determined their value in sections (b) and (c).	
(a)	Category	Raised to Date
	Cash/cash equivalents	\$5 Million
	Outstanding pledges	\$10,000
	Value of goods and services (in-kind) donated to your organization	\$2.8 Million (Distributed— \$2,353,532 Current inventory designated for Sandy relief - \$500,000)
(b)	Description of in-kind donations: Vaccines, OTC medications, Rx medications, cleaning supplies, hygiene items, new clothing, consumable medical supplies, water.	
(c)	Explanation of how in-kind donations were valued: Products were valued following AmeriCares standard operating procedures. The standard we use is Wholesale Acquisition Cost (WAC). This can be found in the Truven Health Analytics (Formerly the Healthcare Business of Thomson Reuters) database.	

2.	Are the amounts reported above being used solely for Hurricane Sandy relief? If not, please indicate the portion of those funds that have or will be used for other purposes and describe those purposes.	
	AmeriCares restricts funds based upon donor intent and separately accounts for all donations for Hurricane Sandy Relief. 100% of the funds collected for Sandy will be spent on Sandy with the following split: 85% will be directly for Sandy Relief and 15% will be for Management Oversight, Technology, Financial Management and Control, Information Technology support, etc.	
3.	How much has your organization spent or disbursed on Hurricane Sandy relief to date?	
(a)	Amount: \$5 Million	
(b)	Please detail the above amount by completing the categories below:	
	Category	Amount to Date
	Direct expenditures by your organization on supplies and/or services (please only include any expenditures paid by your organization for direct Hurricane Sandy relief and not grants or funding provided to individuals, businesses or other organizations)	\$1.1 Million
	Grants or funding provided to other organizations for Hurricane Sandy relief	\$1.6 Million
	Grants or funding provided to individuals, families or businesses for Hurricane Sandy relief (please include any items such as emergency cash grants, loans, gift/debit cards or similar assistance)	N/A
	The value of any goods or services donated (in-kind) to your organization that were disbursed in response to Hurricane Sandy.	\$2.3 Million
	Other (please describe)	
4.	Please describe the types of assistance that your has organization provided to those affected by Hurricane Sandy. What populations or geographical areas have been (or will be) served by your organization in response to Hurricane Sandy?	
	<p>We have created three priorities for assistance: In the short term, assistance for displaced people and those living without power; in the medium term, restoration of health services, particularly for the most vulnerable; in the long term, providing mental health and case management services and helping health care institutions prepare for future events. We are providing assistance to affected areas in New York, New Jersey, and Connecticut.</p> <p>Examples of aid provided:</p>	

	<p>Providing our mobile medical health clinic to disrupted healthcare facilities to help ensure continuity of operations. Hygiene supplies, cleaning supplies</p>
	<p>Sleeping bags, blankets Vaccines (tetanus and flu) Medicines and medical supplies- insulin, glucometers and strips, acetaminophen, ibuprofen, cough medicine, etc.</p>
	<p>Special needs cots, wheelchairs, and other functional needs support supplies. Grants (described below)</p> <p>Geographic areas:</p> <p>Affected areas of New York, New Jersey, and Connecticut. Specific communities include NY: Staten Island, Rockaways, Red Hook, Coney Island, and Long Island. New Jersey: Ocean County, Monmouth County, multiple sites along the shore. Connecticut: Fairfield County</p>
5.	<p>Has your organization provided grants or funding to other organizations for Hurricane Sandy relief efforts? If so, which organizations have received those funds, what is the dollar amount provided to them and what is the intended use of the funds? What policies and procedures does your organization follow to determine the need for such funding and to monitor the use funds?</p>
	<p>We have provided funding to a number of organizations to support their emergency response and recovery operations. Our Emergency Response team identified organizations that could meet our response and recovery priorities (meeting immediate needs, restoring access to health care, addressing longer term health needs including mental health).</p> <p>Organizations were identified by our emergency field teams and through coordination with the Voluntary Organizations Active in Disaster, the National Association of Community Health Centers, and similar coordinating bodies. We fund only not-for-profit organizations, mostly 501 (c) 3 organizations. Each potential grantee is asked to complete an application, provide proof of not-for-profit status, and is vetted through a formal due diligence and review process.</p> <p>Below is a list of our largest grants since the last report was provided in December:</p> <p>Long Beach Medical Center (NY) - \$250,000 to help fund 12 months of operational costs at the Long Beach Medical Center's (LBMC) Family Care Center. It is anticipated that LBMC will need 12 months before it can resume support to the Center given the formidable rebuilding costs faced by the hospital; this funding will help insure that the Center's vulnerable patient base receives uninterrupted medical care.</p> <p>Maimonides Infant & Children's Center (NY)- \$174,570 to design and implement a pediatric mental health program that will empower pediatricians to identify post-disaster mental health issues in their pediatric patients and take steps to address these issues and/or refer the patient for further assistance.</p>

	<p>Homefront (CT) - \$150,000 to repair 20 storm-damaged homes in Connecticut and New York, including work to mitigate against future storms.</p>
	<p>The Floating Hospital (NY)- \$130,743 to track, locate, schedule and transport patients to ensure continuity of care for patients, including pre-disaster homeless, that were affected by Hurricane Sandy.</p>
	<p>CPC Behavioral Health- \$135,000 to support psychiatric care and mental health counseling to residents in storm-affected areas of New Jersey.</p> <p>New Jersey Traumatic Loss Coalition- \$98,040 to train school personnel to address mental health problems of children and adults in NJ that are stemming from Superstorm Sandy, and to provide 3,000 hour of supplemental counseling services to children and families throughout New Jersey.</p> <p>YMCA of Greater New York- \$71,500 to conduct a skills-based therapy program (Support for Students Exposed to Trauma) for children affected by the disasters in two schools and two summer camp programs in the South Beach and Midland Beach areas of Staten Island.</p> <p>World Cares Center (NY)-\$58,600 to purchase supplies and equipment to conduct mold remediation work on 500 homes damaged by Sandy. This is our second grant to World Cares Center since the disaster struck.</p> <p>Jewish Family Services of Atlantic County (NJ) - \$57,000 to support case management and direct service provision to affected residents of Atlantic County, NJ.</p> <p>Long Island Communities of Practice (N Y) - \$55,000 for additional staffing to support individuals with disabilities whose medical equipment (such as wheelchairs, electric wheelchairs, and ramps) was lost or damaged as a result of Superstorm Sandy.</p> <p>Jewish Community Center of Staten Island (NY) - \$40,000 to fund a crisis counselor/case manager to help connect residents of Staten Island with critical recovery services.</p>
6.	<p>Has your organization provided direct grants or funding to individuals, families or businesses for Hurricane Sandy relief? If so, please describe the types of the assistance that your organization has provided to date. What policies and procedures does your organization follow to determine the need for such funding and to monitor the use funds? For the purposes of this question please include any items such as emergency cash assistance, loans, gift/debit cards or direct payment of expenses on behalf those impacted by Hurricane Sandy.</p>
	<p>No</p>
7.	<p>What is your organization's plan for using any surplus funds not spent for Hurricane Sandy relief?</p>
	<p>All funds will be spent on Sandy relief and those affected by Sandy.</p>

8.	Has your organization received funding from other organizations for Hurricane Sandy relief efforts? If so, please identify the organizations that provided the funds, the amount received and a description of how the funds have been or will be used.
	We did not receive grants from other relief organizations. However, of the ~\$5 Million we raised for Sandy relief, over \$1.3 Million came from over 50 different organizations, including foundations and corporate foundations. All funds will be used for Sandy relief and recovery efforts.
9.	Is your organization still conducting fundraising for relief efforts? If so, please describe the methods by which you are raising funds.
	AmeriCares responds to disaster events all over the world, so we are focusing our current fundraising efforts on other disaster preparedness and response efforts. While we are not actively soliciting funds for Sandy relief, we will still accept donations earmarked for this response. All donations for Sandy will be used to help individuals and communities affected by Sandy.
10.	Is your organization still conducting relief efforts? If so, please describe how individuals, businesses or organizations seeking assistance can contact your organization.
	<p>Our organization is still conducting relief efforts. AmeriCares provides aid to local implementing organizations; we do not provide assistance directly to individuals. Any inquiries or requests for assistance should be directed to Lindsay O'Brien, our Superstorm Sandy Project Manager.</p> <p>Lindsay O'Brien Superstorm Sandy Project Manager AmeriCares 88 Hamilton Avenue Stamford, CT 06902 www.americares.org 203.658.9670 (Tel) 203.406.4460 (Fax)</p>

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