

**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: City Harvest, Inc.

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	\$4,700,129 through 1/31
	Outstanding pledges	projected \$1,605,026 through 5/31
	Value of goods and services (in-kind) donated to your organization	\$4,390,522 through 1/31; projected \$6,242,395 total through 5/31
(b)	Description of in-kind donations: As a food rescue organization, City Harvest collects food that would otherwise go to waste from thousands of restaurants, grocery stores, wholesalers, farmers and other donors. In addition to donated food, City Harvest also received donations of relief supplies.	
(c)	Explanation of how in-kind donations were valued: City Harvest is a member of Feeding America and values donated food at \$1.66 per pound as per their guidelines. Donations of supplies were valued at the same rate.	
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.	
	City Harvest is utilizing all funds raised in response to and recovery from Hurricane Sandy.	

3.	How much has your organization spent or disbursed on Hurricane Sandy relief to date?	
(a)	Amount: Through 1/31, City Harvest spent \$2,726,953 on Sandy relief and disbursed \$4,390,522 of in-kind food and supplies. Through 5/31, we project to spend a total of \$6,305,156 and disburse \$6,242,395 of in-kind food and supplies.	
(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)	\$2,303,494 through 1/31; projected to spend \$3,804,737 total through 5/31
	Grants or funding provided to other organizations for Hurricane Sandy relief	projected to re-grant \$780,000 total through 5/31
	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)	\$0
	The value of any goods or services donated (in-kind) to your organization that were disbursed in response to Hurricane Sandy.	\$4,390,522 through 1/31; projected to disburse \$6,242,395 total through 5/31
	Other (please describe) City Harvest sustained significant damage to our fleet of trucks and our Food Rescue Facility in Long Island City due to flooding from Hurricane Sandy. Some of our "other expenses" include truck rentals, repairs to the Facility and Sandy-related administrative expenses. Included in this category is some \$1 million in projected capital expenditures to support the replacement of vehicles damaged by the storm, per conversations with select donors.	\$423,460 through 1/31; projected to spend \$1,720,419 total through 5/31.
4.	Please describe the types of assistance that your organization has 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?	
	City Harvest has provided emergency food to the communities hardest hit by Hurricane Sandy, including Coney Island, Canarsie, Gerritsen Beach, Gravesend, Sheepshead Bay and Red Hook in Brooklyn; the Rockaways, Arverne and Breezy Point in Queens; the Lower East Side of Manhattan; and Midland Beach, Port Richmond, Cedar Grove and New Dorp Beach / Fox Beach in Staten Island. Since the storm made landfall, City Harvest has delivered 6 million pounds of food for those impacted by Sandy to these areas. These targeted deliveries to more than 125 agencies and relief sites have included a variety of items, such as pantry boxes with shelf-stable groceries, hot meals, fresh produce, and other necessities to address the hunger needs of these residents. Volunteers were a critical component to our response, as more than 1,250 volunteers helped fill	

	<p>some 100,000 pantry bags with over 800,000 pounds of food and supplies.</p> <p>City Harvest partnered with a range of organizations to provide Sandy relief, including existing emergency food programs, the New York City Housing Authority, community-based hurricane relief sites, FEMA, elected officials, the New York City Office of Emergency Management and the Red Cross. In the days and weeks after the storm, our hurricane-related deliveries focused on providing food that required little or no preparation including items like water, juice, shelf-stable foods (e.g. canned goods, granola bars, pasta, etc.), hot meals and fruit. As power was restored and residents regained the ability to cook, City Harvest recalibrated its deliveries to provide more fresh produce.</p> <p>To address the continued need for emergency food in particularly hard-hit communities, and with financial support from the Red Cross, City Harvest provided some 135,000 food boxes, containing more than 3 million meals, from mid-December through the end of March to relief sites in Far Rockaway and Arverne/Rockaway in Queens; Midland Beach, Port Richmond and New Dorp Beach/Fox Beach in Staten Island; and Canarsie, Coney Island, Gravesend, Gerritsen Beach, Sheepshead Bay and Red Hook in Brooklyn. Typical food boxes consisted of a variety of foods, such as peanut butter, macaroni and cheese, instant potatoes, canned tuna, pasta, corn, green beans, oranges, rice, beans, oatmeal and shelf-stable milk.</p> <p>Hurricane Sandy's impact revealed that some of the hardest-hit areas were also some of the most impoverished and isolated, and there was a significant, unmet pre-existing need for emergency food in many of these communities. As these neighborhoods progress in their recovery, it will be critical for us to transition from the relief-site model to efforts to strengthen the permanent emergency food safety net. We are committed to preparing residents and drop sites for the conclusion of the food box program. To support a smooth transition, City Harvest distributed hundreds of informational flyers tailored to each neighborhood, detailing the address and hours of operation of permanent emergency food providers in each area. We are also working with our community partners to identify agencies that can be transitioned into City Harvest's network for permanent emergency food deliveries.</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>City Harvest received \$265,000 in funding from the Mayor's Fund for New York City to provide grants in support of the Hurricane Sandy relief efforts of agencies in our network. We selected grantees through a request for proposal process and evaluated proposals with a grant review committee comprised of City Harvest staff and external representatives. We re-granted a total of \$216,728.14 in grants to nine agencies:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Christian Church of Canarsie - \$501.41 • Christian Pentecostal Church - \$11,464.44 • Congregation Meor Hachaim of Luna Park - \$5,530.00

- The Greenpoint Reform Church - \$22,780.72
- Jewish Community Council of Canarsie - \$5,728.30
- Jewish Service Coalition - \$36,500.00
- Loving Care Center – God’s Battalion - \$10,767.58
- Masbia - \$63,864.15
- St. John’s Bread and Life Program - \$59,591.54

At the direction of the Mayor’s Fund for New York City, grants will cover Sandy-related expenses including food and supply purchases, meal distribution, salaries for temporary staff, fuel and other operating expenses. Of the remaining \$49,000 in funds, \$5,000 will cover administrative expenses related to the re-granting. The remaining \$44,000 will be re-granted for Sandy-related expenses at a later date or returned to the funder.

City Harvest will also be granting \$500,000 of the funds that we’ve raised to support the rebuilding and / or repair of emergency food programs in the communities hit hardest by the storm. We will once again select grantees through a request for proposal process and evaluate proposals with a grant review committee comprised of City Harvest staff and external representatives.

All organizations that receive grants will be required to provide a full report detailing their usage of these funds.

6. 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.

City Harvest has not provided direct grants or funding to individuals, families or businesses for Hurricane Sandy relief, nor do we expect to in the future.

7. What is your organization's plan for using any surplus funds not spent for Hurricane Sandy relief?

City Harvest is carefully monitoring expenditures related to Hurricane Sandy. At this time, we expect to utilize all funds raised for hurricane relief to support the organization’s recovery from damage sustained during Hurricane Sandy and the relief services provided to hard hit communities, including directing more food to these communities on an ongoing basis. However, as the relief work scales back, if City Harvest has additional funds, we would speak with donors about their willingness to redirect their gift to support our emergency food deliveries throughout the five boroughs.

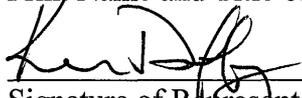
8. Has your organization received funding from other organizations for Hurricane Sandy relief efforts? If so, please identify the organizations that provided the funds, the amount received and a description of how the funds have been or will be used.

City Harvest has received \$2,850,920 in funding from the Red Cross for Hurricane

	<p>Sandy relief efforts. Since mid-December, these funds have been used to provide food boxes to residents of 11 of the city's hardest-hit communities: Far Rockaway and Arverne/Rockaway in Queens; Midland Beach, Port Richmond and New Dorp Beach/Fox Beach in Staten Island; and Canarsie, Coney Island, Gravesend, Gerritsen Beach, Sheepshead Bay and Red Hook in Brooklyn. We have delivered some 135,000 food boxes, containing more than 3 million meals, to 48 relief sites in these neighborhoods.</p> <p>City Harvest has received \$265,000 from the Mayor's Fund for New York City to provide grants in support of the Hurricane Sandy relief efforts of agencies in our network. We have re-granted \$216,728.14 to nine agencies. As explained earlier, the remaining funds will be granted at a later date or returned to the funder.</p> <p>City Harvest has received a total of \$375,000 from Robin Hood. An initial grant of \$125,000 in November was utilized to provide food to residents of communities impacted by Hurricane Sandy, as described above. A second grant of \$250,000 in February will be used to replace City Harvest trucks totaled due to flooding during Hurricane Sandy.</p>
9.	<p>Is your organization still conducting fundraising for relief efforts? If so, please describe the methods by which you are raising funds.</p>
	<p>City Harvest is no longer actively conducting fundraising for our relief efforts.</p>
10.	<p>Is your organization still conducting relief efforts? If so, please describe how individuals, businesses or organizations seeking assistance can contact your organization.</p>
	<p>As City Harvest begins to wind down our partnership with the Red Cross, we are incorporating our support for those impacted by Sandy into our day-to-day emergency food operations. While we no longer will be delivering food to informal "relief sites," we will continue to deliver emergency food to soup kitchens and food pantries in our network in hard-hit communities. We created and distributed hundreds of flyers for each neighborhood, detailing the address and hours of operation of permanent, existing emergency food providers in each area. We are also working with our partners to identify and on-board additional long-term emergency food providers in these traditionally underserved areas.</p> <p>Those seeking assistance can contact City Harvest's hunger hotline at (866) 888-8777 or through our website at www.cityharvest.org.</p>

Print Name and Title of Representative

Date

 VP, Development
Signature of Representative

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