

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

**Hurricane Sandy Relief Information**

**Name of Organization:** Hispanic Federation (HF)

1.	What is the approximate dollar amount of donations and pledges that your organization has received to date in response to Hurricane Sandy?
<p>Over \$140,000 in monetary donations has been raised through the Hispanic Federation (HF). The overwhelming majority of funds - over \$135,000 - were raised through the Uptown Cares Telethon coordinated by NYS Senator Adriano Espaillat and NYC Councilman Ydanis Rodriguez. HF was asked to serve as fiscal conduit for these funds (i.e. establish a special bank account for telethon donations, follow up and process pledges, pay small event-related costs and transfer collected funds to an established nonprofit providing disaster-relief assistance in Staten Island). Separate and apart from these telethon-raised funds, HF received \$5,000 from AARP to provide food assistance to victims of Sandy. We have also received 1,000 bags of food along with some blankets, cleaning supplies and approximately \$500 in gift cards through the Governor's Office/NY Department of State.</p>	
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?
<p>More than 92% of funds collected have been designated solely for Hurricane Sandy relief assistance. About 7% (or \$10,780) of funds raised were used to cover the cost of the telethon, including television, banner production and credit card processing fees.</p>	
3.	Approximately how much has your organization spent to date on Hurricane Sandy relief?
<p>To date, HF has spent all of the money it has collected for Hurricane Sandy relief. HF has allocated over \$124,000 as a grant to the Stephen Siller Tunnel to Towers Foundation for Hurricane Sandy Relief on Staten Island. HF has used the \$5,000 provided by AARP to provide hot meals to over 1,000 individuals and families affected by Sandy in Long Beach, the Rockaways and Staten Island, New York. HF has also distributed 1,000 bags of food, blankets, cleaning supplies and gift cards to victims in these areas.</p>	

4.	<p>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>
<p>We have served as a fiscal conduit for Sandy Relief fundraising efforts and have directly prepared and served food, as well as, assisted in giving out gift cards, blankets and cleaning supplies to families in Staten Island, Long Beach and the Rockaways. While our efforts have and will benefit anyone impacted by this tragedy, we have sought to lend a hand in hard-hit Latino neighborhoods. Moving forward, we are hopeful that we will be able to partner with New York State to provide food and social services to those in need of Sandy relief assistance.</p>	
5.	<p>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?</p>
<p>Yes. The large majority of funding (over \$124,000) was passed through to the Stephen Siller Tunnel to Towers Foundation. The group was selected by State Senator Adriano Espaillat and City Councilman Ydanis Rodriguez in consultation with Staten Island government leaders.</p>	
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>We have not provided direct financial assistance to individuals, families or businesses for Hurricane Sandy relief except for distributing approximately \$500 in gift cards at our Thanksgiving Food Events. They were raffled off to attendees.</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>No, as we have distributed all the funds to date.</p>	

<p>Jose Calderon, President</p> <hr/>	<p>Dec 11, 2012</p> <hr/>
<p>Name and title of representative</p>	<p>Date</p>

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