

**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: Disaster Chaplaincy Services

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	\$24,168 (includes \$15,000 grant – see section 8)
	Outstanding pledges	0
	Value of goods and services (in-kind) donated to your organization	0
(b)	Description of in-kind donations: N/A	
(c)	Explanation of how in-kind donations were valued: N/A	
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.	
	Yes	

3.	How much has your organization spent or disbursed on Hurricane Sandy relief to date?														
(a)	Amount: \$13,456														
(b)	Please detail the above amount by completing the categories below:														
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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>Disaster Chaplaincy Services is a nonsectarian, multi-faith organization whose purpose is to assure skilled and appropriate interdisciplinary spiritual care and chaplaincy for all people affected by disasters, crises, and emergencies in the New York tri-state area. Providing spiritual care in response to disasters is a unique job that requires special skills and training. In a city as diverse as New York, it is critical for DCS to be able to respond to the needs of victims who may come from one of many different faith traditions - - or be of no faith. DCS does not promote any particular religious practice. Chaplains responding to disasters are a presence; they look out for what people need and listen when they want to tell their story.</p> <p>DCS' disaster chaplains represent over 25 denominations and major faith traditions and are able to speak more than 28 languages. Our disaster chaplains are trained and credentialed, and are prepared to respond 24 hours a day, 365 days a year. Volunteers are required to complete an application and undergo an extensive screening interview. Applicants must have a written endorsement from their faith tradition, which</p>														

	<p>must be a recognized body. In addition, we conduct a national criminal background check, and ask the applicant to sign our code of ethics, which includes an agreement not to proselytize during a response and recovery effort.</p> <p>All chaplains who volunteer with DCS are trained to effectively deliver services in times of disaster. Services provided to disaster survivors include spiritual and psychological first aid, crisis support to help people draw on their own spiritual resources in loss, spiritual care that respects the broad nature of each person's spiritual response and attends to the human search for meaning in times of loss, and peer support to mitigate compassion fatigue and burnout.</p> <p>DCS is actively involved in the Hurricane Sandy response and recovery efforts in the tristate region. Day-to-day operations during the response have included maintaining contact with City agencies involved in the response such as the Office of Emergency Management. DCS also remains in close contact with the American Red Cross, the New York City chapter of Voluntary Organizations Active in Disaster (NYC VOAD), and individual VOAD partner groups.</p> <p>Since late October, we have deployed more than 50 individual disaster chaplains to dozens of locations in New York City, Westchester County, Long Island, Bergen County, NJ and Fairfield County, CT. Most have engaged in multiple deployments. We have also been aiding partner agencies so that all aid workers in the area can continue supporting storm victims in this time of high stress and quick burnout. We are continuing to deploy chaplains in response to requests from multiple partners in the region.</p> <p>The catastrophic impact of Hurricane Sandy requires an increase in our capacity to respond to requests for chaplains. Not only is there a vastly increased need, but our volunteer ranks have been reduced because many of our chaplains live in affected areas, and either they or their congregants have themselves been impacted by the storm. We are therefore screening and training new chaplains at this time.</p> <p>Moreover, we are working with other agencies to create and deliver "care for the caregiver" workshops as well as crisis response trainings for local faith leaders. We are continuing to develop and implement ways to respond as the nature of the recovery efforts evolve.</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>No</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 current direct fundraising towards Hurricane Sandy relief</p>

7.	What is your organization's plan for using any surplus funds not spent for Hurricane Sandy relief?
	In the event that surplus donations are received, they will be used both (a) to recruit and train additional disaster chaplains in the NYC area so that DCS will continue to be able to respond to large events such as this one, and (b) to provide local faith leaders with crisis intervention and congregational preparedness training. All of this training will lead to increased preparedness in NYC for events similar to Hurricane Sandy.
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.
	\$15,000: CERG (c/o Joseph Priestley District of the UUA) - Staffing/Hurricane Relief Efforts Training
9.	Is your organization still conducting fundraising for relief efforts? If so, please describe the methods by which you are raising funds.
	No
10.	Is your organization still conducting relief efforts? If so, please describe how individuals, businesses or organizations seeking assistance can contact your organization.
	Yes, as requested. 212.239.1393 or email: volunteercoordinator@dcs-ny.org

Print Name and Title of Representative

Date

Bradley Curry, Volunteer Coordinator
Signature of Representative

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Please email this document with your responses to sandyresponse@ag.ny.gov by March 22, 2013. You may obtain an electronic copy of this document by emailing a request to that same address.