

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

Hurricane Sandy Relief Information

Name of Organization: Operation Blessing International Relief and Development Corporation (OBI)

1. What is the approximate dollar amount of donations and pledges that your organization has received to date in response to Hurricane Sandy?

As of November 30, 2012 OBI has received \$513,796 in donor contributions restricted for Hurricane Sandy relief efforts. OBI has no current pledges receivable restricted for Hurricane Sandy relief as development efforts have focused on soliciting direct contributions.

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?

100% of donations restricted for Hurricane Sandy relief will be used solely for Hurricane Sandy relief efforts.

3. Approximately how much has your organization spent to date on Hurricane Sandy relief?

As of November 30, 2012 OBI has spent \$330,438 on 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?

Operation Blessing has teams in New York and New Jersey.

- **Mass Food and Hot Meal Distributions in Lower East Manhattan, Coney Island & Far Rockaways:** *Supplied and managed mass food & hot meal distributions. Distributions included 18 semi-truck loads/540,704 pounds of emergency supplies including non-perishable food, hot meals, water, MREs, diapers, blankets, personal hygiene kits, cleaning supplies, and toiletries.*
- **Clean-up Efforts including Debris Removal & Gutting in Breezy Point, Far Rockaway, Tuckerton, Mystic Island, & Little Egg Harbor:** *Coordinating the gutting of homes and debris removal for residents of Breezy Point NY, Mystic Island NJ, and Little Egg Harbor NJ.*
- **Minor Home Repairs in Breezy Point NY, Little Egg Harbor NJ, & Mystic Island, NJ:** *Coordinating volunteer teams to do minor home repairs for residents via work order system.*
- **Community Leadership & Coordination in Breezy Point, NY:** *working with local emergency management and first responders in Breezy Point to create a coordinated clean-up & work request system. This includes daily briefings as well as creating sector maps to help residents be aware of the services available from the agencies operating in Breezy Point.*
- **Volunteer Management in Breezy Point NY / Little Egg Harbor & Mystic Island, NJ:** *In order to provide direct services, OBI is coordinating, feeding, and housing volunteers in both NY and NJ.*

- **Future Services:** *OBI plans to continue efforts in New Jersey and New York providing direct services such as gutting homes, minor home repairs, and housing/feeding volunteers.*

STATISTICS: NEW YORK (as of Dec. 10, 2012)

*Work Orders: 395
 Volunteer Hours: 7,569
 Volunteer Numbers: 1,081
 Volunteer Offset Dollars: \$141,691
 Hot Meals Served: 12,472*

Supplies & Special Equipment: (includes 2 truckloads for NJ)

*Semi-Truck Loads: 20
 Number of Pounds: 541,885 lbs*

STATISTICS: NEW JERSEY (through Dec. 10, 2012)

*Work Orders Processed: 395
 Volunteer Hours: 14,244
 Volunteer Numbers: 2,028*

5. 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?

As of November 30, 2012 OBI has provided \$40,000 in funding to other organizations as follows:

(a) New Life Christian Center

Norfolk, VA

\$5,000 for bedding material distributed to local residents affected by Hurricane Sandy related flooding in Ocean View area.

(b) Lighthouse Alliance Community Church

Tuckerton, NJ

\$25,000 for general on-site support for relief workers (volunteer housing, restroom and shower facilities).

(c) Crossroads Church

Staten Island, NY

\$10,000 for general on-site warehouse support.

OBI determines the need for funding other organizations based on the facts and circumstances associated with the disaster being serviced. In this case most of OBI's funding to other organizations has been to local organizations supporting our direct relief efforts.

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?

Operation Blessing prioritizes work order requests submitted by residents based on the needs of the un-insured, underinsured, and community-population-needs-segments such as the elderly, special needs, single moms, veterans, young families, etc. OBI volunteer teams provide clean-up, debris removal, and minor home repair services.

7. 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.

OBI intends to utilize all restricted Hurricane Sandy funds on Hurricane Sandy relief efforts and does not anticipate having surplus restricted funds at the conclusion of relief efforts.

William Horan, President, Operation Blessing International _____ _12/11/12_____

Name and title of representative

Date

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