

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

Hurricane Sandy Relief Information

Name of Organization: Samaritan's Purse

1.	What is the approximate dollar amount of donations and pledges that your organization has received to date in response to Hurricane Sandy?
Approximate donations to the Samaritan's Purse restricted fund for U.S. Disaster Relief from 10/29/12 to 11/30/12: \$7.5 million.	
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?
Funds will be used for Hurricane Sandy relief. 7% of funds received are assessed to provide supporting services in accordance with Samaritan's Purse policy.	
3.	Approximately how much has your organization spent to date on Hurricane Sandy relief?
Approximately \$575,000 has been spent to date and includes operating and payroll expenses as of 11/30/12.	
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?
<p>In the immediate aftermath of Hurricane Sandy, Samaritan's Purse (SP) setup four locations to provide cleanup and recovery for the families who were affected by the storm. Our selection criteria is to assist families who have no insurance, are under insured and are unable to do the work themselves or pay for the services. All our services are provided at no charge to the homeowner. We partner with local churches and reach out into the community to help with mucking out homes, debris removal from the interior of the homes, blue roof tarping, and chainsaw services. Utilizing volunteers who travel from around the country, we have had 6,400 volunteers providing 76,456 hours of volunteer labor. We have had 1,590 families request our assistance in New York and New Jersey and have been able to complete 781 work orders.</p> <p>Four base sites were initially established in Atlantic County, New Jersey; Ocean County, New Jersey; Bergen County, New Jersey; and Nassau County, New York. The New Jersey site in Atlantic County was relocated to Monmouth County, New Jersey after completing the open requests.</p>	

Samaritan's Purse Disaster Relief has been providing assistance after natural disasters in the United States since 1989 after Hurricane Hugo. We have responded to 125 responses in 31 states using 66,612 volunteers. We are a member in good standing with NVOAD (National Volunteer Organizations Active in Disaster) and SP focuses on both immediate and long-term relief. As it has on other large U.S. disasters, such as Hurricane Katrina in Mississippi and Louisiana we were able to assist families in New Orleans, for 5 years and 2 months and we continue to remain after tornadoes hit Joplin, Missouri and Tuscaloosa, Alabama last year, building homes. Samaritan's Purse will be providing assistance as long as the needs persist for the target audience.

Targeting homeowners without insurance, or who otherwise would be unable to hire a contractor, SP is a licensed contractor in the State of North Carolina, Alaska and Louisiana at this time and locally in Joplin, Missouri. We are currently researching the requirements to assist families in getting back into their homes in both New York and New Jersey and want to comply with all rules and regulations.

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?

Samaritan's Purse has provided funds to the following organizations:

- \$30,000 - Brooklyn Tabernacle Church in Brooklyn, NY (grant for relief efforts)
- \$3,200 - Linwood Community Church in Linwood, NJ (providing space for volunteers)
- \$4,000 - Church of Grace and Peace in Toms River, NJ (providing space for volunteers)
- \$1,600 - The Vineyard Church in Lynbrook, NY (providing space for volunteers)
- \$3,200 - North Jersey Vineyard in Teterboro, NJ (providing space for volunteers)
- \$800 - Lincroft Bible Church in Lincroft, NJ (providing space for volunteers)

The need for funding was determined after consultation with Samaritan's Purse and the organization leadership.

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?

Samaritan's Purse generally provides assistance in the form of rebuilding of homes, not direct financial assistance to families or businesses.

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.

Samaritan's Purse is currently in the cleanup and recovery phase and just now starting the discussion with FEMA and State VOAD's on the Long Term Recovery phase.

Samaritan's Purse response to Hurricane Sandy will be long-term; we expect to continue work in the affected areas of New York and New Jersey as long as the needs persist. There is no current plan for use of surplus funds. Any re-directing of funds will be minimal and upon approval of the board of directors as per Samaritan's Purse policy.

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