

## **Hurricane Sandy Long Island Disaster Relief Raises Nearly \$1.5 Million for Rebuilding and Recovery Efforts**

*Grants target low-income communities in greatest need on Long Island*

**CHICAGO, March 6, 2013** – The Newsday Charities Hurricane Sandy Long Island Disaster Relief campaign, in partnership with Newsday, News 12 Long Island and the Robert R. McCormick Foundation, has raised \$1,419,174 from over 4,600 generous donors. With matching funds from the McCormick Foundation and all expenses covered by Newsday and the Foundation, \$1,669,174 has been granted to 13 nonprofit agencies helping Long Islanders rebuild from the destruction Sandy left behind.

“Thanks to the generosity of individuals on Long Island and across the country, and with the momentum provided by our partners, Long Islanders devastated by Hurricane Sandy will have access to services to help them rebuild their lives,” said David Hiller, President and CEO, McCormick Foundation.

“Our campaign successfully harnessed the generosity of Long Islanders in order to provide urgently-needed relief to those who need it most,” said Paul Fleishman, Vice President of Public Affairs, Newsday. “The overwhelming response was a heartwarming reminder that people were ready and willing to help their neighbors in distress.”

In October 2012, over 20 states were impacted by Hurricane Sandy, but the brunt of the damage was felt by residents in New York and New Jersey. More than eight million people lost power as a result of the storm, including 945,000 homes on Long Island. The towns along Long Island’s South Shore experienced severe damage. Many homes were destroyed, and many more were damaged due to extensive flooding.

The Foundation partnered with Newsday to target individuals and families in greatest need of disaster relief services. The result is the following grants to a diverse set of qualified, nonprofit agencies helping communities hardest hit on Long Island get back on their feet to recover and rebuild.

### **About the Grants**

[Catholic Charities, Diocese of Rockville Centre](#) (\$100,000)

For Hurricane Sandy case management services

[Central Council of the Society of St. Vincent De Paul in the Diocese of Rockville Centre](#) (\$50,000)

For Hurricane Sandy direct aid: Long Island Family Assistance Relief

[Community Development Corporation of Long Island, Inc.](#) (\$100,000)

For relief for Long Island Communities Affected by Superstorm Sandy

[Family Service League, Inc.](#) (\$50,000)

For Long Island Storm Urgent Relief Fund

[Federation Employment and Guidance Services](#) (\$150,000)

For the Lifting-Up Long Island Hurricane Response initiative

[Health and Welfare Council of Long Island, Inc.](#) (\$529,174)  
For Long Island Superstorm Sandy Unmet Needs Roundtable

[Hispanic Brotherhood of Rockville Centre, Inc.](#) (\$50,000)  
For Hurricane Sandy Disaster Relief program

[Island Harvest, Ltd.](#) (\$75,000)  
For Long Island Hurricane Sandy Disaster Relief

[Long Island Volunteer Center](#) (\$115,000)  
For Long Island Disaster Recovery Center

[Lutheran Social Services of New York](#) (\$100,000)  
For New LIFE Center - Long Island Program

[North Shore Child and Family Guidance Center](#) (\$100,000)  
For Long Island Project Hope Program

[Salvation Army](#) (\$150,000)  
For Hurricane Sandy Recovery Relief Long Island

[The United Methodist Committee of Relief Division of Global Ministries of the United Methodist Church](#) (\$100,000)  
For Long Island Disaster Response

The McCormick Foundation has conducted many disaster relief campaigns, including 9/11, Hurricane Katrina, southern California wildfires and the 2008 Midwest flooding. The Foundation has a structure in place to ensure quick relief, which is vital after disaster situations. The McCormick Foundation's Hurricane Katrina relief effort in 2005 raised more than \$2 million in just four days, which was matched at 50 percent by the Foundation. In total, the Foundation and its partners have raised more than \$9.4 million from nearly 47,000 donors. Since 1991, over 540 grants totaling more than \$58 million have been awarded to disaster relief programs.

#### **About the Robert R. McCormick Foundation**

Robert R. McCormick Foundation is committed to fostering communities of educated, informed and engaged citizens. Through philanthropic programs, Cantigny Park and museums, the Foundation helps develop citizen leaders and works to make life better in our communities. The Foundation was established as a charitable trust in 1955, upon the death of Colonel Robert R. McCormick, the longtime editor and publisher of the *Chicago Tribune*. The McCormick Foundation is one of the nation's largest foundations, with more than \$1 billion in assets.

The McCormick Foundation continues McCormick's legacy by partnering with media outlets, such as *Newsday*, sports teams and philanthropic organizations across the country, to encourage local giving, inspire civic involvement and address human needs. Since 2000, through Newsday Charities, over 350 grants totaling more than \$12 million have been awarded to nonprofit organizations on Long Island. To learn more about the McCormick Foundation visit [www.McCormickFoundation.org](http://www.McCormickFoundation.org)

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