

GET INVOLVED: HURRICANE SANDY RELIEF EFFORTS

Volunteering Opportunities with National Grid in Far Rockaway

National Grid has partnered with the New York City and several local churches to provide heating centers and needed supplies to heavily impacted areas in Far Rockaway. Now we need your help more than ever!

Volunteers are needed to:

- Assist with door to door dissemination of materials (batteries blankets, batteries, flashlights, etc.)
- Be posted at locations such as the ferry, churches, and bus stops
- Cover resource/community service centers

Volunteering is available Monday-Friday (11/19-23) this week, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. You MUST HAVE TRANSPORTATION to be involved with this opportunity.

For information on how to sign up, please contact Taryn Kutujian at taryn.kutujian@stonybrook.edu. Please include your name, volunteering preferences for day(s) and shift(s), SBU ID, phone #, and email address in your email. Please send your request ASAP, as slots are filling up quickly!

OTHER LONG ISLAND RELIEF EFFORTS



Long Island Volunteer Center: Long Island's largest network of volunteering opportunities across Nassau and Suffolk counties. [Register](#) to receive updates about new volunteering initiatives for Hurricane Sandy

Current Service Projects with LI Volunteer Center:

Hurricane Sandy Cleanup – South Shore

Volunteers will work alongside NECHAMA-Jewish Response to Disaster (www.nechama.org) in the South Shore area to provide clean up services to residents and communities affected by Hurricane Sandy.

Volunteers will be clearing flooded debris from homes and removing walls, floors, carpets, and other items contaminated by flood water. Expect to work with simple hand tools. Instruction and guidance will

be provided by experienced site supervisors. **No prior experience or training is required. All tools, equipment, site supervision, and safety equipment will be provided.**

Days to Volunteer (all days begin at 9 a.m. and end at 4:30 p.m. – Volunteers are encouraged to commit to the full day, but it is not mandatory):

Thursday, 11/22

Friday, 11/23

*****Tuesday, 11/27**

*****Wednesday, 11/28**

*****Thursday, 11/29**

*****Friday, 11/30**

*****Sunday, 12/2**

All volunteers MUST HAVE TRANSPORTATION to volunteer at this event.

What to Wear/Bring:

Thick soled, sturdy sneakers or work boots

Thick, durable pants: denim, carpenters pants, etc.

Long sleeve sweatshirts, dress in layers-expect all your clothes to get dirty over the course of the day (Dress for chilly weather)

Lunch and a personal supply of water

Work gloves if you have them

Volunteers are encouraged to commit for a full day of work, but it is not mandatory. Volunteers will be contacted the day before their registered work date by a site supervisor once they confirm their attendance.

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The **Child Care Council of Nassau, Inc.**, needs assistance with making outreach calls to child care programs to collect some basic information as follow up from the hurricane. Their office is located on Hempstead Turnpike in Franklin Square and is open from 9:00-5:00PM Monday- Friday. Training and a script will be provided for volunteers. To express interest in this opportunity, click [here](#) and include details about your availability in the message.

Mormon Helping Hands is looking for 20 volunteers to do assessments in the Mastc/Shirley area Thursday and over the weekend. If you are interested, please contact [Mark Hardman](#), Stake President, or

[Barrett Richards](#), Bishop.

The INN, an interfaith network of soup kitchens, is in need of volunteers THIS Thursday & Friday. They are receiving two tractor trailers filled with donations on Thursday, November 15 at the Mary Brennan INN (100 Madison Avenue in Hempstead) and need people to help with unloading them. Thursday volunteers must be FLEXIBLE, as the volunteer shift time is yet to be determined. Friday volunteers are welcomed to come from 8:30AM - 2PM *or* 2PM - 5PM. Volunteers MUST be 16 years of age or older. YOU MUST PRE-REGISTER TO VOLUNTEER and spaces will be filled on a first come, first served basis. Please contact Emily Wilensky at [\(516\) 486-8506 ext. 138](tel:(516)486-8506) or by [e-mail](#).

The **Nassau County Emergency Pet Shelter** is looking for Veterinarians, Vet Techs, Vet Assistants - including vet tech students - or anyone with a love for animals that is willing to help maintain crates, walk dogs and interact with pet owners who come to visit their pets. The minimum age for volunteering is 16 and volunteers must be able to lift 50 lbs. Ideally, they would like volunteers who can work an 8-hour shift (8AM-4PM or 1-9PM), although four-hours shifts can be arranged. The shelter is located at 241 Miller Road in Garden City. If you are interested in this opportunity, please contact Anthony by e-mail or at (516) 272-0017.

The **United Methodist Church Disaster Relief Center** has an opportunity for volunteers who can provide general office assistance and answer phone calls from people who are calling for help with storm-related issues. Volunteers should have either general office or customer service experience. Scheduling is somewhat flexible. To express interest in this opportunity, click [here](#).

Up to 10 volunteers per day can help the **Salvation Army** transport products both to evacuation shelters as well as to mobile distribution sites along the south shore. Helpers will assist in the loading of product at the warehouses, either in Hempstead or Bayshore, and will then ride in the van/truck to the distribution site where they will help distribute it to the public. Shifts are four hours long. To express interest in this opportunity, click [here](#).

Later this week, the **Long Island Volunteer Center** will be opening a **Volunteer Reception Center (VRC)** where individuals interested in volunteering can come to register, receive initial training, and be assigned to volunteer opportunities throughout Long Island. We are currently looking for volunteers who may be interested in helping to staff the VRC. Duties will include greeting potential volunteers and helping them through the registration process. Other volunteers may work the phone/computer banks taking requests for volunteers from local nonprofits and relief agencies. Training will be provided and shifts are somewhat flexible. The exact location of the VRC has not yet been finalized. To express interest in this opportunity, click [here](#).



Island Harvest is organizing systemic efforts to get volunteers where they are needed the most. [Register as a volunteer](#) to view current volunteer openings, such as sorting and packing food to give out to those impacted by Hurricane Sandy.

[Mastic Fire Department](#) is a designated feeding station for those impacted by Hurricane Sandy. They are currently seeking volunteers to help with food, and to collect, sort, and organize debris resulting from Hurricane Sandy. Please visit their website for contact information.

NEW YORK CITY & BOROUGHES



New York Cares has a database of ongoing volunteer opportunities in Manhattan, Queens, Brooklyn, Staten Island, and the Bronx. [Register](#) on their website to sign up for different projects – check back often, as new projects are posted every few hours.

Examples of recent volunteer projects include park cleanups at Queensbridge Park, Astoria Park, and Marcus Garvey Park.

DONATION CAMPAIGNS – LONG ISLAND & NEW YORK CITY

Island Harvest Donation Drop-Off Locations

Drop off food, cleaning supplies, water, and [other nonperishable items](#) to the following Island Harvest locations:

Food Collection & Distribution Center

40 Marcus Boulevard
Hauppauge, NY 11788
Hours: Weekdays, 10:00 am - 3:00 pm

Island Harvest Uniondale Warehouse (behind

the Holly Patterson extended care facility)
875 Jerusalem Avenue
Uniondale, NY 11553
Hours: Weekdays, 10:00 am - 3:00 p.m.



New York Cares' annual coat drive has a new meaning this year. **At least 50,000 coats are urgently needed for Hurricane Sandy relief efforts**, with a goal of collecting 200,000 coats overall. To learn more about the coat drive, click [here](#).

The **Roman Catholic Diocese of Rockville Centre** is seeking nonperishable food, hand sanitizers, bottled water, diapers and baby wipes, basic toiletries and toilet paper, warm clothing, towels and blankets, batteries, can openers and flashlights. Donations are being accepted at any parish. The diocese also is accepting monetary donations, which will be distributed to parish-based and other Catholic social service agencies.

Adelphi University in Garden City is accepting clothing, toiletries, and food for shelters in need in the New York City and Long Island areas. Power strips will be available for charging electronic devices.

Long Beach Donations: Call 516-301-0932 – to volunteer, please let us know your specialties. We are accepting donations at the Ice Arena. Food & water donations are also being accepted at East & West Schools and Waldbaum's Plaza.

Assemblyman Mike Miller (D-Woodhaven) is also accepting supplies — water, food, clothes: anything non-perishable. They can be dropped off at his office at 83-91 Woodhaven Blvd. For more information, call [\(718\) 805-0950](tel:7188050950).

Suffolk County Legislator Tom Muratore (R-Ronkonkoma) is holding a “Blanket in a Bag” drive at his district office from Tuesday, November 13, through Friday, November 30. Donors are asked to place a new or clean, gently used blanket in a bag and deliver it to 325 Middle Country Road, Suite 3, in Selden (intersection of North Ocean Avenue in the Waldbaum’s shopping center). The office will accept donations Monday through Friday from 10 a.m. and 4 p.m. Blanket donations will be distributed through Lighthouse Mission and other local charities. For more information call 631-854-9292, or email tom.muratore@suffolkcountyny.gov.

Our Lady of Perpetual Help Church in Lindenhurst is collecting Food/Clothing/Blankets/School Supplies, at their Auditorium: Monday to Friday, 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. and 3 p.m. to 6 p.m., Saturday, 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. Volunteers are also needed and welcome. Please contact OLPH at 631-226-7725 or e-mail tojsureau@drvc.org.

All **Long Island Ace Hardware** locations are serving as drop-off locations for non-perishable food items and clothing donations to those in need on the south shore. LI Ace locations are: 2138 Deer Park Ave., Deer Park | 770-14 Grand Blvd., Deer Park | 246 Smithtown Blvd., Nesconset | 1102 Route 110, Farmingdale | 2667 Merrick Rd., Bellmore | 448 Union Blvd., West Islip | 5135 Merrick Rd., Massapequa Park | 3899 Hempstead Tpke, Bethpage | 1518 Union Turnpike, New Hyde Park | 3965 Long Beach Rd., Island Park | 2120 Middle Country Rd, Centereach | 1330 Hicksville Road, No. Massapequa | 822 Fort Salonga Rd., Northport | 515 Montauk Hwy., West Babylon | 2323 Jericho Tpke, Garden City Park | 52 E. Main St., Smithtown | 15 W. Main St., East Islip | 360 Route 25A, Rocky Point | 518 Middle Neck Rd., Great Neck

Long Island Food Not Bombs seeks new volunteers and donations of food, clothing, gasoline and Communications devices. For more information, email longislandfoodnotbombs@gmail.com.

The **Town of Hempstead** will collect coats, clothing, blankets and other essential supplies for storm victims. Starting Monday, collection bins will be at Hempstead Town Hall in Hempstead Village, Echo Park in West Hempstead and Levittown Hall.

Nassau County will accept donations to help county residents affected by Sandy. Drop-off sites are at the Theodore Roosevelt Executive and Legislative Building in Mineola; Eisenhower Park in East Meadow; Wantagh Park and the county's Office of Emergency Management in Bethpage.

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RESOURCES FOR EMERGENCY ASSISTANCE

If you or someone you know are still in need of emergency services, please visit the following links for more information on how to obtain assistance:

[Suffolk County Department of Emergency Management](#)

[Nassau County Department of Emergency Management](#)

[FEMA Disaster Survivor Assistance](#)

[Office of the Mayor: NYC Mayor Michael Bloomberg](#)