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Patrick M. Gallivan

Gallivan Announces Ways Western New Yorkers Can Assist Downstate Neighbors Impacted by Superstorm Sandy

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HURRICANE SANDY

Emergency Response and Relief Information

Senator Patrick M. Gallivan (R,C,I - 59th District) today announced several ways that Western New Yorkers, and all New Yorkers, can help the massive relief effort underway in the New York City Metro Area in the aftermath of Superstorm Sandy that ravaged the Eastern Seaboard last week.

Gallivan urged New Yorkers to utilize The American Red Cross and Catholic Charities, or other trusted charitable organizations who have strong track records of efficiently and effectively distributing relief aid in disaster situations.

“While Superstorm Sandy may have had the most devastating impact in the Downstate region, every New Yorker feels heartbreak during tragic situations like this,” said Gallivan. “But just the same, in times of trial New Yorkers have proven time and again their willingness to forge together, rebuild, and emerge stronger.”

Residents can donate through the American Red Cross by visiting [Redcross.org](https://www.redcross.org), calling 1-800-Red Cross, or can donate \$10 by simply texting REDCROSS to 90999. Those interested in giving through Catholic Charities USA should visit [CatholicCharitiesUSA.org](https://www.catholiccharitiesusa.org) or call 1-800-919-9338.

This and other information regarding New York State’s response and relief efforts are also available on Senator Gallivan’s website, gallivan.nysenate.gov.

- [American Red Cross – Ways to Help](#)
- [Catholic Charities USA - Give Help and Hope](#)
- [Corporate Donors - Ways to Help](#)
- [Storm Information: Governor's Office](#)
- [New York State Division of Homeland Security and Emergency Services](#)

Gallivan also noted that Western New Yorkers have already played an important role in post-Sandy relief efforts. “Many of our region’s emergency response units have already been deployed to storm ravaged areas in Queens and on Long Island. I am certain their experience and dedication have made a positive impact on many families and communities across Downstate, and I thank them for their continued service in times of need.”

