

NEW YORK STATE SENATOR

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# Ways to Help Hurricane Sandy Victims

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CBE is need of volunteers to prepare meals today

10:30 am - Volunteers and vans to purchase supplies from Costco

11:30 am - Volunteers to prepare food (need MANY volunteers)

12:30 pm - Volunteers and vans to deliver food to Armory

And donations to cover food costs.

Click HERE to make a donation

Volunteers should come to 274 Garfield.

Please spread the word - especially for 11:30 am food prep.

Also accepting candles, batteries, flashlights, water, non-perishables for Red Hook shelters. Drop off bins are outside our building.

#### HELP CLEAN UP Sheepshead Bay

Tomorrow at 10am people will be assembling at the RAJE center (2915 Ocean Parkway between Neptune ave and Oceanview Ave) to start cleaning. If you are available please come by and help.

Mazel Day School located on 2915 Brighton 6th Street also needs help cleaning. No contact with them directly but stop by if you are available or in the area. They can surely use your help!

### FT GREENE Drop-Off

Food, baby supplies, flashlights, etc., and cleaning supplies

Corner of Dekalb and Washington Park

11/1 from 1-3 pm.

we could also use a few helping hands.

Donations will go to folks in Far Rockaway and Sunset Park.

Questions? Contact Ruth Ballenzweig at ruth.ballenzweig@gmail.com

Drop off location Clinton Hill

Looking to help out the NYC storm victims? You can drop off your donations TODAY 3-6pm in Clinton Hill by the Navy Yard at CKO Kickboxing 45 Waverly Avenue between Park and Flushing Avenue - easy parking up front. For more information call Geneen 631-827-1319.

Most needed: Plastic utensils/plates/bowls, non-perishable food, socks, bottled water, flashlights, batteries, cleaning supplies, candles, matches, power stripes, generators.

#### HELP COOK

St. Jacobi Church in Sunset Park is now open for volunteers to cook hot food. Please come with some food to cook!

Address: 5406 4th Avenue at 54th street in Brooklyn (718) 439-8978

Donation Box on 7th Ave

125 7th Avenue (Corcoran)

Donation Boxes for Baby, Toddler, and Kids displaced in Breezy Point and the Rockaways

Needs: Clothes, diapers, food

Donate at Steve Levin's Office

410 Atlantic Avenue

Biggest need is non-perishable food donations, but they are taking weather appropriate clothing. Lots of displaced kids, so Mac and Cheese, water and milk, disposable plates/cups to serve.

Food Donations at Postmark Café

Location: 326 6th Street between 4th and 5th Avenues, Park Slope Brooklyn

Phone: 718-768-2613

Hours of operation: Monday - Saturday 7 am -7 pm (opens Saturday at 8 am)

Accepting the following items: sugar, flour, 100% juice, canned vegetables,

canned fruit, canned tuna and chicken, soup, pasta sauce, pasta, rice,

beans, boxed milk with a shelf life, cereal, oatmeal, coffee, tea

Help Prospect Park (which has extensive damage- Help our Park Heal!)

You can sign up to walk in the November 3rd Walkathon, and you can donations are being accepted. You can also attend the Prospect Park Anniversary Ball on November 10, 6:30-12:30 at the Carousel and party as you help the Park!

Overnight Volunteers Needed at All Shelters

Daytime has plenty of volunteers. They need volunteers during evening hours (6-8 hour shifts) at John Jay (718.832.4333), Park Slope Armory, and Brooklyn Tech. It's mostly an elderly population at the Armory, so those with experience are especially needed.

DONATE money to help Masbia provide hot meals at the Park Slope Armory

Please make a donation at the Masbia website.

#### SHOP LOCAL

Many of the folks who own businesses in Park Slope live in the affected areas. Steve and Charlie at Brooke Sew and Vac, the folks at Ansonia Chemist have homes that have suffered damage. Buying local will help these folks stay in business

Check out Red Hook NYC Recovers for other ways to help

https://redhook.recovers.org/

### MONETARY DONATIONS

Make a financial contribution to the Mayor's Fund to Advance New York City, and direct it towards Sandy relief and recovery efforts.

OTHER WAYS TO HELP (that still ring true):

# STAY OFF THE STREETS (especially in cars)

The Mayor is urging us to not drive so that emergency vehicles and cleanup crews can do their jobs. Also- the traffic is slow and not worth the time!

# DO NOT DONATE CLOTHES

The outpouring of donations has been GREAT- but they are overwhelmed. Please no more donations to John Jay.

# STAY OUT OF THE PARKS AND PLAYGROUNDS

Extensive damage in the parks so they are NOT open. Even if they seem inviting, don't chance it. Caution tape is there for a reason!

## CHECK IN ON YOUR NEIGHBORS

Make sure your elderly neighbors and neighbors with disabilities have everything they need. Their support system may not be able to reach them to help them.

# DONATE Your TECH SKILLS

If you have tech skills to offer to help businesses get their technology back online, please sign up here: http://bit.ly/hurricanetechvolunteers

#### REPORT DAMAGE TO 311

If there is damage to trees on your street, call 311. (call 911 ONLY for life-threatening emergencies)

#### CLEAN UP the Streets

Sweeping and bagging up street leaves is a good way to help clear the streets and keep the sewers and drains unclogged. (HOWEVER- Be careful around trees! Wear gloves and be

careful of sharp debris when street clearing!)

DONATE Money to New York Cares

Text iCARE to 85944 to donate \$10.

#### DONATE MONEY to the Red Cross

https://www.redcross.org/donate/index.jsp?donateStep=2&itemId=prod10002

# MEDICAL and MENTAL HEALTH FOLKS: DONATE YOUR TIME

Medical (and some non-medical volunteers) are encouraged to join the NYC Medical Reserve Corps (http://www.nyc.gov/html/doh/html/em/emergency-mrc.shtml), where they will be credentialed (NYC then covers liability for MRC volunteers when activated!), receive (free!) trainings, and will be given priority for potential deployments, much like this one.

NYC MRC is currently covering triage at most evacuation centers, and providing mental health support at special medical needs shelters. Unaffiliated volunteers are obviously welcome, but pre-identified, credentialed, and trained volunteers are always what they strive for!

Get Ready to DONATE Blood

Eat your spinach because Hurricane Sandy is leaving a need for blood. There are no specific donations around here yet, but eat well so you can donate in the coming weeks.

Other Volunteer Opportunities

Want to Volunteer? Please email nycservice@cityhall.nyc.gov with your name, email address and borough. There will be ways to volunteer today and over the next week as opportunities arise.

PLEASE Email me with any other information eadams@nysenate.gov.