

Connecticut Office of Attorney General
Connecticut Department of Consumer Protection

Sandy Hook Relief Information

Name of Organization: **Ben's Lighthouse Fund**

1. What is the approximate dollar amount of donations and pledges that your organization has received to date in response to the Sandy Hook tragedy?

Approximately \$12K, primarily from close friends. Our goals are much larger and we are beginning to reach out to churches throughout the country (and world?) and we will be looking for grants from corporations and other entities, as well. We have deliberately limited our fundraising activities to date so as not to conflict with funds intended for victims' families and first responders.

2. Will these funds be used solely for the Sandy Hook tragedy? If not, approximately what portion will be used for relief for victims and what other purposes, and in what proportions, will funds be used for?

The monies being collected are creating a perpetual endowment to support children in the Newtown, Connecticut community in honor of the angels of Sandy Hook Elementary School. The fund will promote the long-term health of Newtown's young people and families and nurture a culture of non-violence and caring. The fund will enable the expansion of existing, high quality programs and the adoption or creation of new programming to meet those goals. These programs will be overseen by Trinity Episcopal Church, located in the center of Newtown. The programs are not specifically church-oriented and they are open to every child and youth in Newtown and surrounding communities.

3. Approximately how much has your organization spent to date related to the Sandy Hook tragedy?

We are launching our community-building kickoff event on 6/15 (the 6 month anniversary weekend) and will be spending a total of \$2.5K to \$3.5K on that. So far, we have invested approximately \$400 towards this event.

4. What services has your organization proved to those affected by the Sandy Hook tragedy? What populations or class of victims are being served by your organization in response to the Sandy Hook Tragedy? What services does it expect to provide in the future?

We are serving the children and youth of Newtown and surrounding areas. Our website (www.benslighthouse.org) explains our goals in more details. [Note: A new, improved version of the website is under construction right now and is due to be launched by 4/14.]

5. Has your organization provided funding to other organizations for purposes related to the Sandy Hook tragedy? 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?

We have not provided funding to other organizations.

6. Has your organization provided, or does it intend to provide, direct financial assistance to individuals, families or businesses for Sandy Hook 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?

Funds designated for Ben's Lighthouse are not intended to provide direct financial assistance to individuals, families or businesses.

7. Does your organization have a plan in place on how to use any surplus funds not spent for purposes related to the Sandy Hook tragedy? If so, please describe that plan.

Assuming adequate funding is achieved, the fund will be managed as an endowment to support programs for Newtown's children and youth in perpetuity.

Rick Haylon, Fund Chairman

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Name and title of representative

Date

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