

Sandy Hook Relief Information

Name of Organization: **Newtown Forest Association, Inc.**
Sandy Hook School Memorial Tree 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?

A. Donations Received - \$3,152

B. Signed Pledges Received - \$1,000

C. Pledges Received orally - \$250,000

D. In-Kind - \$500 {logo contest 99designs.com}

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?

As our press release announcing the creation of the Fund: "The NFA has established the Sandy Hook School Memorial Tree Fund to support the creation of a living memorial, with plantings in memory of the Sandy Hook Elementary School victims." "We can think of no greater living tribute to the victims and the people of Newtown, than help create a quiet, peaceful place, in our wonderful town, for meditation among native trees and flowering shrubs." As our website discloses: "The NFA has established a Fund to accept these donations and will restrict the use of these funds to prepare, plant and maintain a living memorial to honor these victims."

Based on the mission of our Fund, we expect zero of the funds to be used for direct victim relief, however, we expect these funds to indirectly benefit the victims and the Newtown community by providing a living memorial.

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

ZERO

4. What services has your organization provided 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?

NONE

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?

No

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?

NO. If a living memorial is to be put on municipal property or NFA property, our Fund could be used to reimburse or pay directly for goods and services used in its creation. If other locations are identified for planting a living memorial(s), such as a victims home should such a request be made, such amounts would not be deemed direct assistance and would be paid directly by the NFA.

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.

As clearly stated in our Funds mission, funds are being raised to also “maintain” such a living memorial. Accordingly, we do not expect to spend 100% of the funds collected. A portion, will be set aside in a Board Designated Permanently Restricted Endowment Fund, the earnings of which will be restricted to fund the annual maintenance of the living memorial(s). To the extent the living memorial is on municipal property we may donate the surplus to the Town of Newtown under similar restrictions; that it will be a Permanently Restricted Trust Fund, the earning of which will be restricted to fund the annual maintenance of the living memorial.

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Treasurer**

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Name and title of representative

Date

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