

Sandy Hook Relief Information

Name of Organization: **United Way of Western Connecticut
Immediate Needs 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? **\$320,000**

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?

Goal is to provide short term funding for 4-6 months while Sandy Hook School Support Fund structure is established. Funds were used for multiple purposes in response to the tragedy, not designated to a specific group of victims.

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

- a. \$190,000 dedicated to financial hardship and mental health costs incurred by families and residents of Newtown**
- b. \$67,000 to counseling services to increase capacity, including \$2,000 to support therapy dogs working with children**
- c. \$10,000 to newtown youth academy to support opening the center for free family activities, including time schools were closed.**
- d. \$5,000 to support the town securing space for pro-bono services from GE.**
- e. \$8,000 for community-wide vigil**
- f. \$10,000 in reserve for first responder training needs**
- g. \$10,000 in reserve for school teachers/personnel needs**
- h. \$20,000 to assist town in facilitation of future of school**

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?

United Way is processing all the financial and mental health bills submitted by Office of Victim Services. Rotary Foundation and United Way partnered together to support this

immediate needs fund, jointly funding and creating one process for individuals to go through.

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?

Yes. Funding was given to organizations that provided immediate support to families of Newtown. It was given in anticipation that federal and state funding through grants would take up to 6 months. These organizations immediately increased their capacity and provided pro-bono services for the first 3 months following 12/14. Families who used private providers are able to get those bills paid for with United Way funds through the immediate needs program with Office of Victim Services.

- a. Newtown Youth and Family Services \$20,000**
- b. Family and Children's Aid \$10,000**
- c. Healing Hearts of Regional Hospice \$10,000**
- d. Wellmore Behavioral Health \$10,000**
- e. Catholic Charities \$10,000**
- f. Kids in Crisis \$5,000**
- g. Animal Assisted Therapy Services \$2,000**
- h. Newtown Youth Academy \$10,000**

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?

Yes, through the partnership with Office of Victim Services. \$190,000 restricted to this use. Ongoing claims are being paid.

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.

100% of unspent dollars will be transferred to the Sandy Hook School Support Fund.

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Chief Executive Officer

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Name and title of representative

Date

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