

Sandy Hook Relief Information

Name of Organization: **United Way of Western Connecticut  
Sandy Hook School Support 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?

**\$11 million**

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?

**Funds are unrestricted, and decisions on how funds will be spent are up to the board of the Newtown-Sandy Hook Community Foundation. Request from UW was that they support short term and long term needs for families who lost a loved one, families with surviving children of SHES, first responders, teachers and school personnel, and finally community needs that are result of 12/14 tragedy. The funds have been transferred to the Foundation. 100% of the funds are being transferred; there are no fees or administrative costs.**

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

**United Way of Western Connecticut has not spent any of these funds, they have all been transferred to the Foundation.**

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?

**In addition to the \$ raised, the United Way has provided staffing to help the town manage the influx of large offers from corporations, assisted the Newtown Volunteer Task Force, organized nonprofit calls to ensure coordination in response to the tragedy, provide administrative support to the newly formed Newtown-Sandy Hook Community Foundation, and assisting town in scan of funds and purposes. The money raised will help first those most impacted (families of victims, families of surviving children from the 2 classrooms, 2 injured teachers, first responders,**

teachers and school personnel), the children and families of SHES, and then others profoundly impacted in the community.

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 money has been spent by United Way out of the Sandy Hook School Support Fund.**

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 money has been spent by United Way out of the Sandy Hook School Support Fund.**

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 the Sandy Hook School Support Fund will be given to the Newtown-Sandy Hook Community Foundation.**

**United Way has incurred about \$150,000 in expenses to date due to the fundraising efforts. This includes having to hire temporary staff to manage the influx of donations (received within 3 months almost four times the amount usually processed in one year), assistance with communication department, additional staffing to assist volunteer services in Newtown, and other costs such as processing donor recognition. Additionally about \$140,000 in-kind staff time has been diverted to work in the community in response to the tragedy. Deloitte has donated 300 hours of auditing services to monitor the fund.**

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Chief Executive Officer**

**April 11, 2013**

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Name and title of representative

Date

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