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Connecticut's Oldest Private Land Trust







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Office of the Attorney General
c/o Nancy Santoro
via email Nancy.Santoro@ct.gov

April 1, 2013

Dear Nancy:

Based on the inquiry letter received from your office dated March 28, 2013 please accept the following Appendix documenting our responses as of this date.

If you have questions, please contact me at 203-733-2030 or at nfatreasurer@yahoo.com.

Sincerely,

C.O.(Guy) Peterson, IV, CPA Treasurer

Appendix

Sandy Hook Relief Information

Name of Organization: **NEWTOWN FOREST ASSOCIATION, INC.**

FUND NAME: SANDY HOOK SCHOOL MEMORIAL TREE FUND (the "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 soley for victims [of the] Sandy Hook tragety? 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 on [the] Sandy Hook tragedy?

ZERO

4. What services has your organization provided to those affected by the Sandy Hook tragedy?

NONE

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

NO

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

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 Permantely Restricted Trust Fund, the earning of which will be restricted to fund the annual maintenance of the living memorial.