

Connecticut Office of Attorney General
Connecticut Department of consumer Protection

Sandy Hook Relief Information

Name of Organization Newtown-Sandy Hook Community Foundation, Inc.

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?
\$11,000,000.

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?

The funds will be used for charitable grants which address both the short-term and long-term needs of individuals and the Newtown community arising from the tragic events at the Sandy Hook Elementary School.

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

There have been no expenditures.

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?

The Newtown-Sandy Hook Community Foundation board is meeting with families of non-survivors, families of survivors, first responders and teachers to share basic information about the foundation and to get their thoughts on the distribution process. The services provided to those affected by the Sandy Hook tragedy will be determined by one or more distribution committees.

5. Has your organization provided funding to other organizations for purposes related 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?

None at this time.

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 proved 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?

The Newtown-Sandy Hook Community Foundation board will make distributions through the use of Distribution Committees created to distribute funds. It is anticipated that direct financial assistance may be made to victims .

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.

Upon the dissolution of the Foundation assets shall be distributed within the meaning of section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code. It is anticipated that funds will be spent down over the next 15-20 years.

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Name and title of representative

Date

Member, Board of Directors

Please email this document with your response to Nancy.Santoro@ct.gov by April 12, 2013. You may obtain an electronic copy of this document by emailing a request to <http://www.ct.gov/ag/lib/ag/charities/sandyhookfundraising-web.doc> or by emailing a request to Nancy.Santoro@ct.gov.

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**Newtown-Sandy Hook Community Foundation, Inc. Announces
Initial Release of Funds and Timeline of Activities**

\$4 Million Dollars Released for Distribution by April 24, 2013

DANBURY, CONN. – April 9, 2013 – The Newtown-Sandy Hook Community Foundation (The Foundation) today announced the release of \$4 million to be disbursed by an interim advancement committee to 40 families most severely impacted by the Sandy Hook Elementary School shooting. The 40 families are those of the 26 victims, the families of 12 surviving children from classrooms directly involved in the shooting, and the families of 2 people injured in the tragedy. The interim advancement committee will also consider disbursements to address immediate needs of first responders and teachers/school personnel in its funding decisions.

The Foundation is a nonprofit group designed to oversee the distribution of the more than \$11 million that the Sandy Hook School Support Fund has received to date. The Sandy Hook School Support Fund (the Fund) is a charitable fund established jointly by United Way of Western Connecticut and Newtown Savings Bank to support the Newtown community following the Sandy Hook School tragedy. In the first week of March 2013, United Way of Western CT transferred all funds currently raised by the Sandy Hook School Support Fund to the Foundation. All subsequent donations also will be transferred to the Foundation on a monthly basis; ensuring that 100% of the money contributed to the Sandy Hook School Support Fund will be transferred to the Foundation. The Foundation also announced a schedule of its planned activities and meetings, including the appointment of a volunteer executive director and a series of meetings to solicit input and feedback from families, first responders, teachers and others impacted by the tragedy of December 14, 2012.

“This initial release of funds and our schedule of activities in the next two weeks reflects the board’s intention and efforts to balance a thoughtful, transparent process with the appropriate sense of urgency to meet the needs of the community”, said Anne Ragusa, a member of the Foundation’s Board of Directors. “To date we have held 3 meetings with another 6 scheduled with victims’ families, survivor families, injured teachers, first responders, teachers and school personnel over the next 2 weeks”, added Ragusa.

One goal of the meetings with affected stakeholder groups is to get their input on how to best represent their views in the work of the Foundation’s distribution committees. The members of the interim advancement committee will be named based on the feedback received at these meetings.

“The reality of the approach that we have adopted is that having a dialogue with those impacted in the community requires time particularly when so many are in the midst of responding to trauma. The board will move as quickly as possible to bring relief to the families while also ensuring decisions are made thoughtfully for the future”, said Dr. Charles Herrick, a member of the Foundation’ Board of Directors.

This first advancement of funds does not preclude families or others from receiving other monies in future disbursements. It allows the Foundation to look at their needs and additional community needs over the next several weeks with public input.

The next meeting of the Board of Directors is Friday, April 12th and an announcement of an interim executive director is anticipated to be made on Monday April 15th. For further information go to www.nshcf.org.

Timeline of Activities

Date	Task	Notes
Interim Advancement of Funds		
4/9/13	Announce first advancement of funds to most affected groups of \$4 million to be disbursed by Interim Advancement Committee of 3	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 26 families who lost someone • 12 families of children who escaped from 2 classrooms • First responders • School personnel and teachers
4/15	Announce Interim Committee members	Takes into account feedback received to date
4/16-4/23	Committee receives feedback from affected groups	May include meetings, one on one conversations, survey, etc.
4/24	Initial Advancement Distribution announced	
Distribution of Funds		
2/20	Formation of Newtown-Sandy Hook Community Foundation Board	First meeting with 26 families
3/4-3/18	Board meets and addresses regulatory items	
Begin meetings to share purpose of foundation, get input on distribution committee formation, identify best way to communicate with most affected groups for future distribution decisions/needs		
3/18-4/5	Meeting with first responders	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Newtown Police Executive Board • Newtown Fire Leadership

		• Newtown Ambulance EMS Leadership
4/10	Meeting with 12 families	
4/11	Meeting with teachers Meeting with 26 families	
4/12	Meeting with 26 families	
4/15	Interim Volunteer Executive Director announced	
4/15-4/24	Final meetings with families, state police, injured teachers, school personnel	Meet with anyone unable to meet previously
4/29	Distribution committee confirmed	Designed from input from most affected groups
4/29-5/17	Meetings with stakeholders	Includes public input from most affected groups and families from SHES
5/20-5/24	Distribution committee reviews findings	
5/20	Board announces release of funds	
5/29	First full allocations announced	May include specific distributions, or categories (e.g. first responders needs)

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