Connecticut Office of Attorney General Connecticut Department of consumer Protection

Sandy Hook Relief Information

Name of Organization: The Glenn R. Atkinson Memorial Scholarship Fund, 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? **\$110,000**
- 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?

No. The Glenn R. Atkinson Memorial Scholarship Fund, Inc. is a Connecticut non-stock corporation and a 501(c)(3) organization, EIN: 80-0716679. The purpose of the organization is as follows, "Charitable relief and scholarship to benefit the community of Newtown, Connecticut, including providing student scholarships directly to students, and other direct qualified charitable contributions, including contributions to relief of the poor, the distressed, those impacted by disaster or the underprivileged, and through contributions to other Section 501(c)(3) organization. No compensation will be provided to the officers, directors or volunteers of the Corporation. The Corporation will organize fund raising events and solicit contributions, and proceeds collected by the Corporation will be used for charitable relief and scholarship." The organization was formed to honor the contributions of Glenn "Benny" Atkinson to the Newtown Community. Over the last two years, the organization has held fund raising events, and has awarded \$15,000 of scholarships to graduating Newtown High School Students and \$3,000 to the Newtown Faith Food Pantry.

As a result of the tragedy that occurred on December 14, 2012 at the Sandy Hook Elementary School, The Glenn R. Atkinson Memorial Scholarship Fund expanded its purpose to provide individuals the opportunity to make donations to a scholarship in memory of Anne Marie Murphy, a special education educator that was murdered in the tragedy. Thus far approximately \$102,000 have been donated to fund scholarships in memory of Anne Marie Murphy. The scholarship fund received approximately an additional \$8,000 from donors wishing to benefit the Newtown community in general. These funds are segregated in separate bank accounts from the historical operating account of The Glenn R. Atkinson Memorial Scholarship Fund, Inc.

With respect to donations received related to the Sandy Hook tragedy, a majority of the funds raised thus far (approximately \$102,000) will be used for scholarships in memory of Anne Marie Murphy. A smaller portion of the funds (approximately \$8,000) will be directed to the Newtown Community, such as a memorial or other activity associated with the disposition of The Sandy Hook Elementary School

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

The organization has sent a thank you note to each person making a contribution related to the Sandy Hook tragedy. The cards and postage (costing approximately \$2,000) have been donated by officers of The Glenn R. Atkinson Memorial Scholarship Fund, Inc. Therefore, 100% of the donations received related to the Sandy Hook tragedy will go towards

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?

No services have been provided or are expected to be provided in the future. As indicted in item 2 above, a majority of the funds received will be utilized for scholarships in memory of Anne Marie Murphy.

- 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?
- No. Thus far the organization has not provided funding to any organizations. It is anticipated that scholarships in memory of Anne Marie Murphy will be provided directly to students graduating from Newtown High School, and / or donations to other 501(c)(3) organizations providing scholarships to students in need and / or students planning a career in special education.
 - 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?

As indicated in items 2 and 5 above, funds will be utilized for direct scholarships to Newtown High School graduating students or to other 501(c)(3) organizations providing scholarships to students in need and / or students planning a career in special education.

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.

Yes, funds will be utilized for scholarship purposes as set forth in items 2, 5 and 6 above. Additionally, unrelated to the Sandy Hook tragedy, the organization will continue its ongoing activities to benefit scholarships for Newtown High School students and for the Faith Food Pantry.

Michael Grillo, Vice President	April 9, 2012	
Name and title of representative		Date

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