

Sandy Hook Relief Information

Name of Organization: **Newtown Rotary Club Foundation, Inc**
Newtown Rotary Sandy Hook School 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?

As of March 31,2013, the Newtown Rotary Club Foundation, Inc.'s specially designated account-The Newtown Rotary Sandy Hook School Fund has collected \$711,134. These funds have not been solicited other than through our website, by word of mouth, or through Rotary International affiliated Clubs.

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?

Before we collected any funds, our website posted a detailed Purpose Statement, which remains on the website, and has not changed since inception. The statement is very detailed as to what the funds can be used for. A copy of the Statement as shown on our website is attached.

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

To date, we have disbursed \$103,702. All disbursements have been limited to the purposes described in our Purpose Statement. There are no other fees and expenses being charged to this designated fund, as other funds within the Newtown Rotary Club Foundation, Inc. or from Newtown Rotary Club, Inc. accounts are covering/will be covering all operating expenses, including postage, stationary, and a required independent audit. All services to date have been donated.

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?

Our disbursements initially were direct payments to victim's families (through requests from the Office of the First Selectman of Newtown), and families of surviving students at Sandy Hook Elementary School (through requests/consultations with the Newtown Health Department), as there was no centralized process for getting funds to those in immediate need. Since mid-February, our disbursements have primarily been through a joint program with The United Way of Western CT' (UWWCT) Immediate Needs Fund and the State of CT Office of Victim's Services (OVS). A dedicated phone number and weekly office hours were established to allow for requests, and the process was publicized directly to the Sandy Hook School community and through various Town of Newtown offices and departments. OVS is responsible for intake of requests and due diligence,

while the UWWCT and Newtown Rotary Sandy Hook School Fund have been jointly providing the funds for those needs. Actual disbursements are currently handled by the UWWCT. To date we believe that the funds have directly benefited victim's families, survivor's families, Sandy Hook School personnel and first responders to the tragic event on 12/14/2012.

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?

So far, we have only provided funds to the Newtown Youth Academy (\$8,640) for direct purchase of personal training sessions (for physical stress relief) for 12 of the victim's family members.

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?

See response to question #4 above. Our organization has a 10-member Distributions Committee, chaired by Daniel Rosenthal, that votes on each funding request as presented by OVS or other agencies and family advocates. Members of the committee consist of members of the Newtown Rotary Club and Newtown Rotary Club Foundation. A member of the Newtown Alumni Fund has been a non-voting member, as that organization has raised funds made payable to the Newtown Rotary Sandy Hook School Fund, and wanted to better understand where/how funds were being distributed.

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, as stated in our Purpose Statement, any excess funds, should there be any, may be used for scholarships in name of the victim's, through a qualified 501(c)(3) organization.

**Alan J. Clavette
Board Member/Distribution Committee Member**

04/01/2013

Name and title of representative

Date

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