

Sandy Hook Relief Information

Name of Organization: **Newtown Youth Academy 501 (c) 3 (NYA)**

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?

**We have raised just over \$100,000.**

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 have been used for and will continue to be used for programs and events that benefit both the Sandy Hook and the Newtown Community.**

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

**NYA has donated time in the Field House, Conference Rooms, and Turf for events and activities that have taken place on-site as well as management, staff and maintenance. NYA has also set up registration, coordinated groups and provided management and staff as chaperones for off-site events. It is important to NYA to insure that the families felt safe, secure and well supervised during the many events that have occurred. For the special events we estimate the donated time to be over \$10K. We have estimated the cost of just the rental space for the three weeks that the doors were opened to the community to be about \$80K.**

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?

**Immediately after the tragedy, the NYA opened its doors to the entire community to escape the media spotlight, congregate and allow "kids just to be kids". On the first day we estimated over 5,000 people came through our doors. We stayed open to the community for nearly three weeks, free of charge to the community. During this time there were several private sessions held just for the Sandy Hook Victims' families, St Rose students and teachers. Since the first of the year, NYA has provided free fitness memberships and personal training to the Sandy Hook Victims' families and several First Responders with support of the Newtown Parent Connection and the Rotary Club. We will be extending this to the 12 Survivor Families and more of the First Responders. We have held several therapeutic activities for the Newtown School age children and Sandy Hook Elementary School children during their winter break.**

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?

**At this time we have not provided funding to other organizations. We have been struggling and focused on providing services for the families and children of Newtown and Sandy Hook**

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?

**The NYA has not directly contributed monies to the families or businesses of Sandy Hook. Many Sandy Hook families have participated in the programs and events intended to uplift the community and support their efforts toward healing through sports and active programs. NYA will continue to focus on healing through sports, physical activity and group activities that will encourage team work, foster positive role models and be a safe haven for the community.**

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.

**If we are fortunate to have surplus, we intend to expand the outreach for additional families including the 12 survivor families, more First Responders, Sandy Hook Teachers and staff as well as increase the frequency of the programs and target age group of children. We will also be able to continue programs for a longer period of time.**

**Kaki Taylor,  
Board Member for Newtown Youth Academy Inc.**

**April 11, 2013**

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Name and title of representative

Date

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