

Sandy Hook Relief Information

United Way of Western Connecticut

Immediate Needs Fund: donor restricted

1. *approximate dollar amount received to date?* \$320,000
2. *Funds used solely for victims?* Goal is to provide short term funding for 4-6 months while Sandy Hook School Support Fund structure is established. Funds were used for multiple purposes in response to the tragedy, not designated to a specific group of victims.
3. *How much has your organization spent to date?*
 - a. \$190,000 dedicated to financial hardship and mental health costs incurred by families and residents of Newtown
 - b. \$67,000 to counseling services to increase capacity, including \$2,000 to support therapy dogs working with children
 - c. \$10,000 to newtown youth academy to support opening the center for free family activities, including time schools were closed.
 - d. \$5,000 to support the town securing space for pro-bono services from GE.
 - e. \$8,000 for community-wide vigil
 - f. \$10,000 in reserve for first responder training needs
 - g. \$10,000 in reserve for school teachers/personnel needs
 - h. \$20,000 to assist town in facilitation of future of school
4. *What services has your organization provided to those affected by the tragedy?*

United Way is processing all the financial and mental health bills submitted by Office of Victim Services. Rotary Foundation and United Way partnered together to support this immediate needs fund, jointly funding and creating one process for individuals to go through.
5. *Has your organization provided funding to other organizations?* Yes. Funding was given to organizations that provided immediate support to families of Newtown. It was given in anticipation that federal and state funding through grants would take up to 6 months. These organizations immediately increased their capacity and provided pro-bono services for the first 3 months following 12/14. Families who used private providers are able to get those bills paid for with United Way funds through the immediate needs program with Office of Victim Services.
 - a. Newtown Youth and Family Services \$20,000
 - b. Family and Children's Aid \$10,000
 - c. Healing Hearts of Regional Hospice \$10,000
 - d. Wellmore Behavioral Health \$10,000
 - e. Catholic Charities \$10,000
 - f. Kids in Crisis \$5,000
 - g. Animal Assisted Therapy Services \$2,000
 - h. Newtown Youth Academy \$10,000

6. *Has your organization provided direct financial assistance to individuals, etc?* Yes, through the partnership with Office of Victim Services. \$190,000 restricted to this use. Ongoing claims are being paid.
7. *Does your organization have a plan in place for surplus funds not spent?* 100% of unspent dollars will be transferred to the Sandy Hook School Support Fund.

Submitted by,

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