

Sandy Hook Relief Information

United Way of Western Connecticut

Sandy Hook School Support Fund

1. *approximate dollar amount received to date?* \$11 million
2. *Funds used solely for victims?* Funds are unrestricted, and decisions on how funds will be spent are up to the board of the Newtown-Sandy Hook Community Foundation. Request from UW was that they support short term and long term needs for families who lost a loved one, families with surviving children of SHES, first responders, teachers and school personnel, and finally community needs that are result of 12/14 tragedy. The funds have been transferred to the Foundation. 100% of the funds are being transferred; there are no fees or administrative costs.
3. *How much has your organization spent to date?* United Way of Western Connecticut has not spent any of these funds, they have all been transferred to the Foundation.
4. *What services has your organization provided to those affected by the tragedy?* In addition to the \$ raised, the United Way has provided staffing to help the town manage the influx of large offers from corporations, assisted the Newtown Volunteer Task Force, organized nonprofit calls to ensure coordination in response to the tragedy, provide administrative support to the newly formed Newtown-Sandy Hook Community Foundation, and assisting town in scan of funds and purposes. The money raised will help first those most impacted (families of victims, families of surviving children from the 2 classrooms, 2 injured teachers, first responders, teachers and school personnel), the children and families of SHES, and then others profoundly impacted in the community.
5. *Has your organization provided funding to other organizations?* No money has been spent by United Way out of the Sandy Hook School Support Fund.
6. *Has your organization provided direct financial assistance to individuals, etc?* No money has been spent by United Way out of the Sandy Hook School Support Fund.
7. *Does your organization have a plan in place for surplus funds not spent?* 100% of the Sandy Hook School Support Fund will be given to the Newtown-Sandy Hook Community Foundation.

United Way has incurred about \$150,000 in expenses to date due to the fundraising efforts. This includes having to hire temporary staff to manage the influx of donations (received within 3 months almost four times the amount usually processed in one year), assistance with communication department, additional staffing to assist volunteer services in Newtown, and other costs such as processing donor recognition. Additionally about \$140,000 in-kind staff time has been diverted to work in the community in response to the tragedy. Deloitte has donated 300 hours of auditing services to monitor the fund.

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