

Employees & Alumni Association of the National Park Service

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Hurricane Sandy Relief Fund Established

Fort Washington, PA –The National Park Service has requested the E&AA Trust establish a relief fund to collect donations to assist the members of the NPS family who have experienced personal catastrophic loss from Hurricane Sandy.

This storm, which was one of large destructive magnitude, has had devastating impact on the lives of NPS employees and other employees who serve the visiting public at the National Parks of New York Harbor including Statue of Liberty NM, Ellis Island, Governor's Island NM, African Burial Ground NM, Castle Clinton NM, Federal Hall NMEM, Theodore Roosevelt Birthplace NHS, General Grant NMEM, Hamilton Grange NHS, St. Paul's Church NHS, Gateway NRA; and at national parks on Long Island and in New Jersey including Sagamore Hill NHS, Fire Island NS, Morristown NHP, and Thomas Edison NHP. Employees at these parks have had severe damage to their homes or have lost personal belongings. At this time, all basic needs such as water, electricity, and phone access have been either unavailable or severely limited. According to the NPS Northeast Regional Office, "Employees and their families are in need of whatever assistance others can provide. Many evacuated with limited belongings and need temporary housing, food, etc. Out of pocket expenses can be tremendous for families trying to stay together and recover from this catastrophic disaster."

The Employees and Alumni Association of the National Park Service with its tradition of providing assistance to the employees and the retired alumni of the National Park Service, is committed to providing assistance with all available resources at its disposal to bring relief to these unfortunate members of our NPS family. The Trustees of the NPS E&AA Trust Fund have directed management to provide all support possible to those who have been adversely affected by the storm. One hundred percent of all donated funds received will be promptly distributed to assist those members of our NPS family in need of help.

You can help by making a tax deductible donation electronically by visiting <u>www.eParks.com</u> and clicking on the icon provided for disaster relief; or by writing a check payable to NPS E&AA Trust Fund for Disaster Relief and sending it to:

NPS E&AA Trust c/o Eastern National 470 Maryland Drive, Suite 1 Fort Washington, PA 19034

Please direct questions on this fund (applications or donations) to Jack Ryan at (267)-464-7124 or jackr@easternnational.org.