

First Lady Mary Pat Christie Tours Camp Evans Volunteer Host Center And Meets With Non-Profit Recovery Groups

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Hurricane Sandy New Jersey Relief Fund (HSNJRF) Dollars Still at Work for Long Term Sandy Recovery

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Trenton, NJ – First Lady Mary Pat Christie today convened a roundtable discussion with non-profit organizations that received funding through the Hurricane Sandy New Jersey Relief Fund (HSNJRF) and continue to actively support long term Sandy-related recovery projects today. The roundtable took place at Camp Evans, a former military installation in Wall Township that has been transformed into a volunteer host center in case of future natural disasters through a \$125,000 Relief Fund grant.

“Camp Evans has been a tremendous launching point for Sandy recovery efforts in Monmouth County. So, I’m proud to see first-hand Sandy Relief Fund grants in action with the culmination of this volunteer host center,” said First Lady Mary Pat Christie. “It’s unbelievable that five years after Sandy, volunteers from around the country continue to come to New Jersey to bolster our recovery. What began as a means to help New Jersey rebuild after the storm, has evolved into a committed partnership of individuals and organizations working together to make a difference in the lives of all those impacted by Sandy.”

In creating the HSNJRF, First Lady Mary Pat Christie’s objective was to form a non-profit that would have a sustainable, long-term impact and focused on programs to address the unmet needs of New Jersey communities affected by Sandy.

"Through the First Lady's Relief Fund, SBP has been empowered to rebuild homes for the most vulnerable members of our communities in Monmouth and Ocean Counties impacted by the 2012 storm," said Kevin McGee, Director of New Jersey Recovery at SBP, Inc. "Simply stated, the Relief Fund's willingness to partner with local non-profits 'on the ground' has resulted in returning safety and security to hundreds of families who otherwise would not have been able to return home. SBP is honored to have been a part of this impact with the First Lady and the generosity of the Relief Fund as we rebuild New Jersey one family at a time".

"A Future With Hope and United Methodists are grateful to the tens of thousands of donors who contributed to New Jersey in the aftermath of Superstorm Sandy," said executive director Bobbie Ridgely. "Because of their generosity, along with the fiscal stewardship of Mrs. Christie and her staff, A Future With Hope and our partners continue to help homeowners on the long road to recovery."

A total of \$41 million was raised by the HSNJRF from over 35,000 donors worldwide. Contributors included corporations, foundations, foreign countries, community organizations, and individuals. Ninety-five percent of funds, totaling \$37.8 million were efficiently distributed in support of 109 nonprofit organizations throughout New Jersey

HSNJRF funding and accomplishments include:



250,000 total New Jersey residents helped through the grants provided by the Relief Fund

2,265 home repairs and reconstruction completed

\$6.2 million given to 11 Long Term Recovery Groups

2.5 million meals were delivered to those affected in the aftermath

1,127 small businesses obtained loans to re-open their doors

31,274 residents received financial counseling

3,060 households were provided with mental health and emotional support service

The NJHSRF responsibly distributed all funding entrusted to it and closed in March of 2016. It was the largest philanthropic funder of New Jersey's recovery.



First Lady Mary Pat Christie meets Sandy volunteers at Camp Evans



First Lady Mary Pat Christie convenes roundtable of non-profit organizations providing long term recovery services

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