



Eastern University's Response to *Hurricane Sandy*
The Office of Faith & Practice
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The Office of Faith and Practice, a Department under Student Development at Eastern University, USA is coordinating this communication to inform both the EU community and those in our neighborhoods, as well as alumni and friends of the many ways that EU is responding to the devastation caused by Hurricane Sandy. This will be a "living document" in that it will change and be updated as needed for as long as needed, perhaps several times a day. The date and time, on the top of this PDF, indicates the last update.

1. Each of the seven St. Davids Residence Halls will sponsor a Hurricane Relief related project. Residents, watch for ways that you can help. Watch here for ways that non-residents can assist with these projects through donations of material goods or time.

Reports

Doane Hall is one of Eastern University's residence halls and they are conducting a fundraiser in order to address the needs of a community in New York that suffered greatly because of the hurricane. A student who serves as a Resident Assistant in Doane Hall is from Long Beach, NY and is connected to a local church there. After a recent visit home she confirmed that her family's home and community were devastated even more than she could have imagined.

In partnership with a local church in the Long Beach community, Doane Hall will hold a fundraiser at Dave and Buster's on Wednesday, November 14th. Doane Hall will collect food and clothing items (as per the request of the Long Beach church community) before and after the fundraiser. On Sunday, November 18th, students from Doane Hall and other students from Eastern University will then head to the partnered church in Long Beach for fellowship and worship and to distribute the relief items which they had previously collected.

Other Residence Halls on campus are also collecting a number of different food, hygiene, and clothing items.

2. A clothing, blanket and food drive was held from November 6th-9th for a school in NJ that is sheltering many families who were made homeless by the storm. The donations were dropped off at the St. Davids Campus, Walton Hall, Commuter Lounge. The clothing, blanket and food drive was a complete success. The Commuter Lounge was overflowing with items that were generously given by EU community members as well as Radnor and Wayne area neighbors. People contributed everything that was requested. On Saturday, November 10, 2012, a truckload was taken to a shelter in New Jersey. Donations can still be made but may be given to another needy shelter or family. Eastern's YACHT (Youth Against Complacency and Homelessness Today) club leaders
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went door to door on campus delivering announcements of their clothing drive. The collected items have gone toward Hurricane Sandy relief.

Needed Items:

- Non-perishable foods (canned goods, dry cereal, granola bars, dry goods)
- water
- toiletries (soap, feminine hygiene products, shampoo, toothbrushes, toothpaste, deodorant)
- socks
- clothing/coats
- shoes/boots
- blankets
- pillows
- diapers
- baby food
- baby formula
- baby bottles
- dog and cat food
- toys/games

The following is an initial University response to the devastation brought about by Hurricane Sandy. This list will be regularly updated.

- **“Weathering the Storm: A Prayer Mission”** by *The Watchmen Prayer Ministry* (a student-led Campus Ministry). Please place your specific prayer request [here](#). Our Campus Ministry will then gather and regularly pray for these requests. The Watchmen Prayer Ministry held a Prayer Meeting on Thursday, November 8th and prayed for all submitted requests and will continue to pray for all the incoming requests.
- **Morning Prayer** (every Thursday morning at 7:30 am in the *Walton Hall Prayer Chapel*). weekly prayer, open to the entire community. We will add those impacted by *Hurricane Sandy* each week to our *Personal Intentions*.
- **Relief Trips** (faculty/staff/students) to affected areas: On November 10th, 2012 a group of about twenty-four Eastern University students, faculty, and staff made a relief trip to Union Beach, NJ to help with clean-up after Hurricane Sandy’s devastation on the coastal area. They also made door to door visits. The group departed early on Saturday morning and returned to campus around 6:30PM on Saturday evening. **Future trips may include the following weeks and/or possibly January 7-13, 2013, March 3-10, 2013 and/or May 13-19, 2013.**

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Photos of the Nov. 10th trip:

The neighborhood where EU members helped with clean-up



EU students gearing up to help with clean-up



Clean-up with EU students and staff



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- **Chapels:** The following weekly chapels will have a special response for those impacted by *Hurricane Sandy*:

*Thanksgiving Chapel: **Wednesday November 14** at 10:00 am (Gymnasium) We will ask those attending to make a clothing and/or non-perishable food item donation (items needed listed above).*

*Christmas Chapel: **Wednesday December 5** at 10:00 am (Gymnasium) We will ask those attending to make a monetary donation to be given to a charitable organization (specifics will follow).*

Radnor Township Neighbors: The University provided access to use the showers in Eastern's gymnasium (for those residents still without electrical power) on **Saturday evening November 3 from 6:00 pm -10:00 pm** and **Sunday November 4 from 6:00 pm -10:00 pm**. This was communicated through cooperation with the Radnor Police.

Telethon: NBC 10 television hosted an all-day telethon this **Monday November 5** to raise money and support volunteer efforts for the Red Cross for disaster relief from *Hurricane Sandy*. Eastern community members were invited to volunteer in the telethon. NBC 10 raised \$460,000 for the cause and \$113,000 of that came from viewers call-in pledges. Click the [link](#) for more details.

Eastern University in the news: "Eastern University in St. Davids, PA, is helping out by conducting a food, clothing, and other materials drive to deliver this weekend to shelters in hard-hit areas. Huge boxes can be found all over campus, as the school encourages students, staff, faculty, and others to donate." [News Article](#) (November 7th, 2012).

Please check back here for updates.

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