**UPCOMING EVENTS**

**Nonprofit Leadership Certification Program**

**Session I:** June 17-20, 2013  
**Session II:** September 23-26, 2013  
**Location:** Southeastern California Conference | Riverside, CA

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**DISASTER RESPONSE**

- **Thanksgiving in New York with Hurricane Sandy Survivors**
- **Visit www.facebook.com/ACSdisasterresponse**
- **Visit Greater New York Facebook Page**
- **Watch Video on ACS DR Hurricane Sandy**
- **Over 450 hot meals service to New Jersey area survivors.**

**Operation Warmth**

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Note from Director
On behalf of North American Division ACS Board members, I would like to express our sincere gratitude for your support of the ACS ministry. Hurricane Sandy pounded the East coast and while we’re not sure how long the recovery will be – we do know that your support is making a huge difference.

ACS ministry can’t sustain its credibility without your commitment to serve and dedication to enhance the Kingdom of God on the earth as it is in heaven.

We are looking forward to experiencing God’s blessings and His guidance in 2013, as we are continually evolving into a more professionally developed and organized community outreach ministry for North America, as well as the other divisions.

During your holidays feel free to check out the International Institute of Christian Ministries (IICM) Community Services Curriculum and ACS Disaster Response efforts for Hurricane Sandy.

| IICM CS  
| Hurricane Sandy |

Thank you again for all your support and Merry Christmas and Happy New Year to you and your family.

Sincerely,
Sung Kwon, Director
Thanksgiving Day followed several weeks after Hurricane Sandy. While most Americans were preparing for the holiday, many people from Far Rockaway struggled to feel normal again. GNYC ACS organized a special outreach for Thanksgiving Day, November 22, 2012, in Far Rockaway, in an effort to spread holiday cheer and comfort. Members of several churches from the Greater New York Conference volunteered their time on this holiday to serve the community. Volunteers represented the following churches: Westchester Korean, Old Westbury, Queens Korean, Spanish Fort Washington, French Bethsaida, and Co-Op City SDA. Teams also joined in our efforts from all over the country—from Massachusetts, Connecticut, Maine, Michigan, Virginia, and California to help in this effort. It was amazing to see God’s people join together in his name to bring relief to the community.

The day was started by loading our vehicles with supplies. The vans and trucks headed out to seven (7) distribution points in Far Rockaway. Nonperishable food items were generously donated by the Boy Scouts of America, and about 1200 warm blankets were prepared for distribution. Hot food stations were set up by several GNYC churches to give the victims of the hurricane a good “Thanksgiving” style meal, and over 2500 meals were given out. GNYC President G. Earl Knight joined the ACS team in the distribution of heaters to give the community some warmth. Hearts were also warmed by greeting cards handmade by students of GNYC Adventist schools that were distributed. Teams from Westchester Korean Church even helped to clean out a playground so that children could have a place to relax and play.

The entire ACS team worked hard to bring joy and comfort in a difficult time. As we remember our community through service through this difficult time, please remember us and continue to support us.
Today Thom McQuarrie, ACS DR Coordinator for Southern New England Conference was asked to meet with officials from Newtown, CT. They requested that ACS DR manage a “Donations Warehouse” for them. This operation will handle the outpouring of love gifts from across the country in the aftermath of the tragic school shooting last Friday.

Melanie McHenry, Julie Fear, Donna Watts and 49 others like this.

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Wanda Swensen What an awesome opportunity to show those
hurting, how much we care! Praying for Blessings upon all!

Tuesday at 6:55pm · 2

Alice Hardy If anyone can do it, Thom and his helpers can, when I lived in CTY they were awesome, ws proud to be a part of ACS 22 hours ago

Adventist Community Services Disaster Response
Tuesday via mobile

1 Thessalonians 5:11 NIV
"Therefore encourage one another and build each other up, just as in fact you are doing."

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Laura Johnson, Audrey N Jones, Christine-Willie Kilpatrick and 17 others like this.

Adventist Community Services Disaster Response
Tuesday near Keene, TX

Lunchtime for the volunteers at the New Jersey Multi Agency Warehouse today. The volunteers for today are from the Robbinsville, NJ Adventist Church.

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Melanie McHenry, Ronda Bennett Greathouse, Betty Davidson Boyko and 18 others like this.
Alvina Kerns Rocque  
Yay! to the Robbinsville, NJ SDA, you rock!
Tuesday at 11:45am · 1

Adventist Community Services Disaster Response  
December 14 via mobile
Happy Sabbath to all of our Facebook Friends !!!
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Adventist Community Services Disaster Response  
December 14 via mobile
Ephesians 4:26, 27 NIV
"In your anger do not sin" : Do not let the sun go down while you are still angry, and do not give the devil a foothold."
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Adventist Community Services Disaster Response  
December 14 via mobile
Ephesians 4:24 NIV
"and to put on the new self, created to be like God in true righteousness and holiness."
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Adventist Community Services Disaster Response  
December 14 via mobile
Matthew 18:21, 22 NIV
"Then Peter came to Jesus and asked, “Lord, how many times shall I forgive my brother or sister who sins against me? Up to seven times?” Jesus answered, "I tell you, not seven times, but
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Laura Johnson  
Happy Sabbath!!
December 14 at 3:39pm · 1

Stephanie Mendoza  
Happy Sabbath to you also!
December 14 at 3:40pm · 1

Laura Johnson  
Happy Sabbath!!
December 14 at 3:56pm · 1

Adventist Community Services Disaster Response  
December 13 via mobile
Ephesians 4:24 NIV
"and to put on the new self, created to be like God in true righteousness and holiness."
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Adventist Community Services Disaster Response  
December 12 via mobile
Proverbs 19:2, 3 NASB
"Also it is not good for a person to be without who hurry his footsteps errs. The foolishness way, And his heart rages against the L ord ."
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Adventist Community Services Disaster Response  
December 10 via mobile
Matthew 18:21, 22 NIV
"Then Peter came to Jesus and asked, “Lord, how many times shall I forgive my brother or sister who sins against me? Up to seven times?” Jesus answered, "I tell you, not seven times, but
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Adventist Community Services Disaster Response  
December 10 via mobile
Proverbs 19:2, 3 NASB
"Also it is not good for a person to be without who hurry his footsteps errs. The foolishness way, And his heart rages against the L ord ."
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“Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God. And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding,
will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus."

Vanroyen Dusman Malau, Glenda Watts Thomas, Anne Richman and 22 others like this.

Amy Lauren Strange I love this verse.
December 7 at 7:58am · 1

Laura Johnson Amen!!
December 7 at 8:40am · 1

Luke 6:37 NIV
""Do not judge, and you will not be judged. Do not condemn, and you will not be condemned. Forgive, and you will be forgiven."

Joanie Andy Crosby, Judy Ford, Christine-Willie Kilpatrick and 19 others like this.

At the New York Warehouse, unloading diapers.

Judy Ford, Andrea Norvell, Veronica Loya Borrego

At the New York Warehouse, unloading diapers.

Ready to start working. Beach 27.
Adventist Community Services Disaster Response

December 1 near Mount Pleasant, TX

GNYC ACS DR giving out blankets at Far Rockaway NY. Also notice the hot food in the covered trays that was available.

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December 1 near Bryant, AR

Les Morrison with his Minnesota team joining volunteers in New Jersey for mobile distribution.

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December 1 near Bryant, AR

GNYC ACS food and water distribution in Brooklyn.
Adventist Community Services Disaster Response | Facebook

Sharryn Mahorney, Gayla Dover Skender, Wanda Brass Goodwin and 44 others like this.

Gerald Stpeter Jr Wish I could go....
December 2 at 6:41pm

Adventist Community Services Disaster Response | Facebook

New Jersey Conference Response to "Hurricane Sandy"
http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=zgKrOVrlK

Adventist Community Services Disaster Response | Facebook

New Jersey Conference to "Hurricane Sandy"
Donations Management Staging Area

JoanieAndy Crosby, Judith Tugadi-Moreno, Anne R like this.

Adventist Community Services Disaster Response | Facebook

Happy Sabbath to our FB friends!
Happy Sabbath to you,

November 30 at 3:05pm ·

Adventist Community Services Disaster Response

Joe Watts, ACS DR National Director, on his trip to New Jersey Multi Agency Warehouse.
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This is the official Facebook page of the Greater New York Conference as published and maintained by the Communication Department.


NAD Administrators interview following their visit to the NY Area

Watch as the Administration of the North American Division share their experience after visiting the Greater New York Conference and the North Area.

The team included: President: Daniel Jackson and his wife Donna, Executive Secretary: Alex Bryant, Vice President: Debra Brill and National ACS Sung Kwon was visiting another site at the time of this interview. — with Alanzo Smith and 7 others.
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Andres J. Peralta  Great Job!!!
Tuesday at 5:52pm

Lungie Nkatha thanks be 2 God
Yesterday at 2:21am

Greater New York Conference of Seventh-day Adventist
Tuesday

**NAD Administrators Visit Queens ACS and Greater NY Academy** (17 photos)
A "Plan of Action" Letter to Parents from the GNYC Office of Education (Regarding the Newtown, CT School Incident)

Dear Parents:

What would you do if you discovered that your child’s school made the headline news due to a hostage situation? How would you respond if you discovered it was your child who was fatally shot in the hostage situation? No parent should ever have to go through such an or...See More
It is with heartfelt pain that we reach out in educators, parents, students and all affected by the school shooting in Connecticut. Our prayers with the victims families.

Our prayer for you is: Watch over us all Heavenly Father, hold our do come quickly, Amen.

Astrid Thomassian, Director
Jerrell Gilkeson, Associate Director
Greater New York Conference of Seventh-day Adventist - Manhasset, NY...

Greater New York Conference of Seventh-day Adventist

updated their cover photo.

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December 7

Lisa Harris Quailey, Gncy Acs, Jose Cortes Jr and 3 others like this.
Administrators from the North American Division are on location in New York visiting ACS offices and the ...
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Paula Paiva Scharffenberg, Elena Genao Dos Santos, Laura Johnson and 7 others like this.

Greater New York Conference of Seventh-day Adventist shared a link via North American Division of Seventh-day Adventists.
November 30

NAD NewsPoints - Jose Rojas Assumes New Role
us2.campaign-archive2.com
Jose Vicente Rojas will be leaving the North American Division (NAD) on December 31 to assume a new role. He will launch a new ministry titled, "MOVEmentum."

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Illdo Choi and Kristia M. Beaubrun like this.

Greater New York Conference of Seventh-day Adventist shared an article via North American Division of Seventh-day Adventists.
November 28

Watch and share! Sign the petition here: https://www.change.org/petitions/seventh-day-adventists-pledge-on-december-1

Pray4Togo
Watch and share! Sign the petition here: https://www.change.org/petitions/seventh-day-adventists-pledge-to-pray4togo-on-december-1
It is at the Youth Congress where you receive training to serve the community. I encourage you to pray and to make plans to attend.
Robbinsville Church Outreach for Hurricane Sandy

Help continues for survivors of Hurricane Sandy in New Jersey areas. Teams from Robbinsville, Hightstown Spanish, and Trenton Seventh-day Adventist Church have provided hot meals for over 450 people using mobile kitchens. Survivors also received cleaning equipment, clothing, and space heaters.
On October 29, 2012, Hurricane Sandy hit the coastal cities of the United States. New Jersey was one of the hardest hit states and I started wondering how the MN Adventist Community Service (ACS) - Disaster Response team could help the New Jersey Conference (NJC). I sent emails out to everyone connected NJC to let them know that the MN Conference has trained volunteers and a mobile distribution vehicle. Mike Gill, New Jersey Conference ACS Director, replied back on Friday November 9, indicating the need for help at the ACS-DR center in Trenton, but that our expertise would be greater needed at the Warehouse the ACS-DR is setting up for the State of New Jersey. Jim Green, NJC Secretary, also shared YouTube videos that the NJ Conference produced.

Tears came to my eyes as I watched the YouTube videos. I replied with a message offering two skilled donation managers, one train-the-trainer, and five trained volunteers. We made arrangements to bring the mobile distribution unit; a 28-foot trailer filled with thermal under clothes, wool blankets and personal kits. Through generous donations, we raised money for gasoline for generators in homes. Volunteers expected to leave Nov. 16, and stay until Nov. 25.

Three days before the trip, four of the five volunteers said that they couldn’t go for personal reasons. This trip could be cancelled! I started to pray for more trained volunteers to come forward. As I searched the MN Conference volunteer database I found a volunteer and another volunteer from the Lake Region Conference that could go. I called Alice G, Wisconsin ACS-DR Director, to ask if she would talk to the 19 volunteers that were recently trained. One volunteer said yes and we now had our team of four; one ACS-DR director, two trained managers in donation management, one train-the-trainer and four trained volunteers. With joint efforts between Minnesota, Wisconsin and MNVOAD (Voluntary Organizations Active in Disaster) we collected 179 blankets, 39 thermal under clothes, 1,110 florescent vests, 8,000 N-95 face masks, 23,328 R-95 face masks, 730 safety glasses, 730 safety sunglasses and 420 personal care kits. God is so good to his people when we ask him for his help!

On Nov. 16, at 5:30pm we set out to do the Lord’s work but we had to stop in Wisconsin to pick up Janis Malim, our last trained volunteer. David Booker was the newly trained co-driver; he did a wonderful job! Jocelyn Joyce from the Lake Region Conference also joined us on the trip. We arrived Sunday, Nov. 18 at 10:00am, ready to work. A group of volunteers met us to help unload supplies from the trailer into the Adventist Collection Center. (God was about to reveal to me why He chose Janis, David & Jocelyn, to join our group of trained volunteers.)

Mike Gill asked us to coordinate with his volunteers to sort clothing and fill personal comfort kits. Jocelyn has a skill like no other when it comes to sorting and packaging clothing, one of David’s roles was security at the warehouse, Janis stayed to prepare personal care kits, and Mike asked me to go shopping with him for more shampoo. We arrived at a dollar store and loaded up with shampoo, deodorant, 1-gallon plastic bags and 1-quart bleach; filling four shopping carts. A customer asked me if the items were for survivors of the hurricane and gave $5.00 to help out. God is so good, and began our miracles:

Monday, Nov. 19, we arrived at the 160,000 sq ft. Adventist multi-agency warehouse; partially filled with various items. We selected 30 dehumidifiers, 30 cases of granola bars, Gatorade, hand sanitizers, winter gloves, and 2 big boxes of blankets.

Miracle One:
We traveled toward the coast and randomly picked two towns, Belmar and Lake Como, to hand out these precious goods. When we knocked on a survivor’s door to let her know what we had for her, she interrupted and said, “I knew you were coming I saw you last night on Channel 12 News and they said that the Adventist were bringing goods out to the survivors”.

Miracle Two:
We were all amazed by this because the NJ conference said that they had not yet shared with the news channels that we were doing mobile distribution, and we now knew God had definite plans for us. We prayed with every survivor that we served that day and it was awesome!

On Nov. 20, my sister Ellinor and brother-in-law Irv, came from Maryland to help. They enjoyed volunteering so much that they decided to sign up for a disaster response class as soon as possible. I let them know that I would be more than happy to come to their church and train church members. We filled our trailer up with 10,000 lbs. of goods and headed to Belmar, Avon and Neptune. All the survivors that we helped couldn’t believe that we came from Minnesota, Wisconsin and Maryland to help them. We prayed with all of the survivors that day and they were all very thankful.

Miracle Three:
Wednesday, Nov. 21, we unloaded a truck at the NJ Conference warehouse and also helped unload trucks at the Adventist multi-agency warehouse. Joe Watts our National ACS Disaster Response Director (ACS DR) trained 25 volunteers in forklift driving and the Minnesota conference now has two trained forklift operators. This is a big asset for the Minnesota ACS DR program!

Miracle Four:
Thursday, Nov. 22, the multi-agency warehouse was closed for Thanksgiving and Jim Greene, NJC Secretary & Trust, invited out-of-town volunteers to his home for Thanksgiving dinner and we all had an amazing time.

Miracle Five:
Friday, Nov. 23, we had planned to go to Atlantic City and do more mobile distribution but we had some complications at the multi-agency warehouse and weren’t able to restock the trailer. However, God was still making plans; Janis, our volunteer from Wisconsin, asked if it was okay for her to stay another 30 days to help and gain experience.

Miracle Six:
I spoke with Jose Cortes, New Jersey Conference President, and he said that Janis would be welcomed to stay and the NJC would take care of all Janis’ needs while she was there. After hearty goodbyes, the returning volunteers packed up and returned to Minnesota a day early.

God’s perfect number is seven. Our seventh miracle is that we can raise $1,900 by December 19 and have another volunteer group from our conference return to New Jersey for more of God’s work.
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