

NASSAU COUNTY

Hurricane fund gets \$25G donation

United Way of Long Island has contributed \$25,000 to the Nassau Hurricane Recovery Fund Inc. to assist victims of superstorm Sandy.

Nassau County Executive Edward Mangano and Father Kevin Smith, chair of the Nassau Hurricane Recovery Fund, received the check last month from Theresa A. Regnante, president and CEO of United Way of Long Island, based in Deer Park.

The Nassau Hurricane Recovery Committee was created on Nov. 21, 2012, by executive order of Mangano. The fund, a not-for-profit corporate entity, accepts and distributes money donated by the public to address the losses and damage suffered.

More than 35,725 Nassau residents were displaced and requested housing assistance from FEMA and more than 34,602 cars were damaged or destroyed in the October 2012 storm, according to the fund's Web page. The fund received more than 1,100 applications from homeowners for grants.

To respond to the disaster, United Way established the United Way Hurricane Sandy Recovery Fund to address the near and long-term recovery needs of communities that FEMA declared disaster areas. The fund does not provide direct assistance to individuals.

For more information, call Nassau Hurricane Recovery Fund at 516-573-7810.

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