A permanent Coalition office and full-time Ongoing mental health and counseling
2 tons of clothing distributed
WHAT WE’VE LEARNED SO FAR
Tracking of ongoing household and business #ConeyRecovers: full-time coordinator,
180 small businesses assisted
A new community communications network
Emergency repairs to 70+ homes and $80,000 to 60 small businesses
Counseling for 55 homeowners and 80 homeowner loans totaling $210,000 and
Mold remediation for 216 homes
Repairs to 17 homes and mold remediation
The creation of a needs assessment
A coordinator to develop an inclusive recovery
10,000+ volunteers coordinated
Large-scale community needs assessment
Promoting local expertise and leadership for
$100,000 in emergency cash assistance to
A Red Hook Summit, which brought
Lessons learned for future philanthropic disaster
$50,000 in microgrants to businesses on

In the immediate aftermath of Superstorm Sandy, Brooklyn Community Foundation launched the Brooklyn Recovery Fund with the Office of the Brooklyn Borough President, the Mayor’s Office, and community leaders to support the recovery work of local nonprofits, foster community-wide coordinated responses, and build resilience through social cohesion and collaboration in the hardest-hit coastal neighborhoods.

Thousands of donors from Brooklyn and across the country contributed to the Brooklyn Recovery Fund, with significant early support from Brooklyn-based Forest City Ratner Companies, Barclays Center, and the Brooklyn Nets. Additionally, the American Red Cross has directed $2.15 million to the Fund to advance the Foundation’s long-term recovery efforts.

The residents of Brooklyn are indebted to the efforts of the Brooklyn Community Foundation for strengthening the commitment to our coastal communities and ensuring that we build back better from Superstorm Sandy. And as we demonstrate at this stage, it is in no small way a great privilege to provide in the report.

The Brooklyn Recovery Fund’s Community Collaboratives have become a recognized model of successful community organizing and collaborative largescale projects.

Collaboratives are working in partnership with local residents, small businesses, nonprofits, and government agencies to make meaningful and long-lasting changes to strengthen communities as they recover from the impact of Superstorm Sandy.

The Foundation’s Brooklyn Recovery Team has helped each group navigate the complex challenges of the recovery landscape, local systems and resources, and federal and state programs.

The Brooklyn Recovery Fund has committed to use every dollar committed to the Fund for impact and to make each dollar count.

The Fund’s one-year anniversary is a milestone in the recovery effort, and the Brooklyn Recovery Fund is committed to using this critical moment to bring renewed focus and support to the efforts of the Brooklyn Community Foundation and its partners as they work to create a stronger, safer, and better prepared for the future. Grants have directly supported:

1. IMMEDIATE NEEDS
   - A year later, the Fund has raised more than $20 million, 100 times what was pledged to local nonprofits by the end of 2012.
   - 800,000 meals served
   - 2 tons of clothing distributed
   - Emergency repairs to 70+ homes and businesses
   - 90 small businesses assisted
   - 10,000+ volunteers coordinated

2. COMMUNITY COLLABORATIVES
   - Seven neighborhood-based Community Collaboratives have been created.
   - Each Collaborative has developed a local plan to serve the specific needs of their community.
   - Each Collaborative is led by a full-time recovery manager and supported by local volunteers.
   - Community Collaboratives have coordinated and provided resources to over 250,000 households.
   - Community Collaboratives have provided job training and placement resources to over 300 people.

3. LOCAL COMMUNITIES
   - Local communities are the backbone of the Brooklyn Recovery Fund.
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4. SUSTAINABILITY
   - The Brooklyn Recovery Fund has committed to use every dollar committed to the Fund for impact and to make each dollar count.
   - The Fund is committed to building a stronger, safer, and more resilient Brooklyn.
   - The Fund is committed to using the lessons learned from Superstorm Sandy to inform future philanthropic disaster response.

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