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DONATIONS ARE NEEDED FOR VOLUNTARY ORGANIZATIONS ACTIVE IN DISASTER SERVING IRENE SURVIVORS

National Donations Management System Activated

It has been approximately two months since Hurricane Irene made landfall in New Jersey. Hurricane Irene was the costliest natural disaster to strike our state in decades. To date, nearly 49,000 New Jerseyans have been approved for FEMA assistance, for nearly \$200 million in aid to individuals.

New Jersey's private-non-profit, voluntary, faith-based and community organizations have also aided Hurricane Irene survivors providing meals, clean-up kits, volunteer assistance with debris removal and clean-up, clothing, household items, hygiene kits and countless other goods and supplies need to help Irene survivors transition from response into recovery. Despite this successful effort, the needs of disaster survivors continue.

The resources of these organizations are limited and/or need to be replenished.

In order to aid long-term recovery efforts, the NJ Office of Emergency Management has activated the NJ State Donations Management Plan, in partnership with the Federal Emergency Management Agency and the National Donations Management Network. The NJOEM is using a FEMA-funded, web-based donations management tool called the National Donations Management Network to add efficiency and accountability to the donations management process.

Through the National Donations Management Network, New Jersey emergency management officials have the ability to accept and distribute donated goods to those in need.

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Below is a list of items currently needed:

- Building Materials (sheet rock, nails, spackle, paint)
- Sump Pumps
- Hot Water Heaters
- Furnaces
- Appliances (washers, dryers, refrigerators)
- Small appliances (toasters, toaster ovens, coffee makers, microwave ovens etc.)
- Mattresses
- Towels & Bedding

By using the National Donations Management Network, and by working in partnership with State and County Voluntary Organizations Active in Disasters, the NJOEM will screen offers for donated goods and allocate them to the areas where the need for specific items has been identified. Private-non-profit organizations can provide receipts for tax purposes.

To donate using the National Donations Management Network, use the New Jersey entry portal: <http://www.aidmatrixnetwork.org/fema/States.aspx?ST=New%20Jersey>

National Donations Management Network: www.ndmn.us – to donate, click on the State of New Jersey. Once in New Jersey's portal click on Product Donations and enter the items being donated. Based on information supplied, the State will then allocate the resource to the County in need.

About Aid Matrix: <http://aidmatrixnetwork.org/> - The National Donations Management Network is powered by the Aidmatrix Network®. AidMatrix Network® is the software application being used to manage and distribute donations.

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

WHAT IS THE NATIONAL DONATIONS MANAGEMENT NETWORK (NDMN) ?

- The National Donations Management Network, powered by the Aidmatrix Network®, is a public-private partnership between the state of New Jersey, the New Jersey Voluntary Organizations Active in Disaster (NJVOAD) and the public.
- The Aidmatrix Network® is a national disaster relief coordination system funded by FEMA, The UPS Foundation, Accenture, and the Aidmatrix Foundation, Inc. to better manage unsolicited donations and volunteers.

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HOW DOES THE NATIONAL DONATIONS MANAGEMENT NETWORK, WORK ?

- Donors make offers to the State
- Online donation tools are integrated into the State website where donors make donations of goods and services. In some cases, the state is also able to accept phone offers, which will then be entered into the Aidmatrix program. At this time, all offers will be accepted online, not by phone.
- The Donation Coordination Team Allocates offers to the State and County VOAD's.
- Donations management software replaces pen and paper record keeping. Offers can quickly be shared with VOAD members and processed once accepted. Administrative burdens are lessened, allowing valuable resources to focus on relief work.
- VOAD Members review, accept and receive Offers VOAD members can view, accept offers and process donations 24x7 online. Real-time inventory tracking, sorting and distribution tools enable goods to move in and out quickly. Offers and needs are easily communicated and matched. The result: More relief is delivered to more people in need.

WHERE DO I GO TO MAKE A DONATION VIA TO NATIONAL DONATIONS MANAGEMENT NETWORK ?

There is a link to the National Donations Management Network on the following Web sites:
NJOEM

www.ready.nj.gov

AIDMATRIX NJ Portal:

<http://www.aidmatrixnetwork.org/fema/States.aspx?ST=New%20Jersey>

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