WHY IS YOUR SUPPORT NEEDED NOW?

While we on the Cape have averted catastrophic storms and other disasters the last few years, there's no question that "the big one" is coming sooner than we might think. And that begs the need to bolster our preparedness plans now before it's too late.

In addition to severe weather conditions, MCRF is prepared to respond to man-made disasters such as health epidemics and terrorism. We know about the importance of public awareness and the dire need to increase our level of funding so that we'll be able to respond to local residents quickly, efficiently, and long-term.

Yes, we on the Cape live in increasingly vulnerable times. While we have dodged major storms, those struck by Sandy, Katrina, Harvey, Michael, and so many other hurricanes weren't as fortunate.

No, we shouldn't be short-sighted and put our heads in the sand. Let's not forget that in 2018 alone, over 50% of Cape Codders were left without power after storms and blizzards. So let's learn lessons from communities that weren't well-prepared and are still paying the price. Let's protect our precious peninsula and islands and our families.

Thank you!







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WHAT IS THE MCRF?

The Major Crisis Relief Fund (MCRF) was created in 2016 as an arm of the Cape Cod Times Needy Fund, a well-established 501(c)3 nonprofit organization. Our mission is to fill existing gaps in preparing for and responding to disasters on the Cape and the Islands, helping individuals and families with urgent and longer-term needs.

Our much-needed assistance includes funding to address basic needs unmet by traditional forms of disaster aid provided by the state and federal government (MEMA and FEMA) and first responders (such as the American Red Cross). Our support includes helping our neighbors with shelter, sustenance, work, medical and mental health services, transportation, child care, emergency relief supplies, and more.

Disasters requiring our assistance include:

- Natural (hurricanes, blizzards, earthquakes, fires)
- Man-made (blackouts, plane crashes, nuclear spills, terrorist activity)

MCRF Managing Director Judy Walden Scarafile heads a group of experienced, dedicated volunteers, including a Leadership Team and an Advisory Committee.

HOW DO WE WORK?

Unlike many traditional funding sources that are unable to respond to disasters in a timely fashion and don't provide long-term assistance, we are poised to address immediate urgent and ongoing needs. Funding criteria: 50 or more families or at least 100 individuals are affected by a crisis, a disaster has been declared, multiple hospitalizations are required, or evacuation shelters are open.

- Immediately following a major crisis, we will disburse funds, regardless of economic circumstances, to maintain survival and well-being as needed.
- To support longer-term recovery efforts, MCRF funds are available to help affected individuals and families who have demonstrated economic need.

MCRF has formed critical community partnerships to enhance an integrated response to disasters. We are partners with Barnstable County's Multi-Agency Coordination Center, Eversource, Americorp, National Grid, and the American Red Cross. Routinely, we provide preparedness tips to the public through traditional and social media.

HOW CAN YOU MAKE A DIFFERENCE?

While we have received generous donations from businesses, foundations, and individuals, we need your support to reach our fundraising goal.

DONATE ONLINE AT:

www.majorcrisisrelieffund.org/donate

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Make check out to: Cape Cod Times Needy Fund-Major Crisis Relief Fund

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All donations are eligible for the maximum allowable tax deductions.

TO VOLUNTEER:

If you're interested in volunteer opportunities in fundraising, marketing, IT, or administration, contact Joseph Gordon at jgordoh@bsheriff.net.

TO APPLY FOR FUNDING:

To see if you qualify, see contact information on back of this brochure and fill out form on our website at:

www.majorcrisisrelieffund.org/contact-us/.

