

Throw out the lifeline!



Dear brothers and sisters:

In late October, Superstorm Sandy devastated the New York metropolitan area. Even now, many months later, countless NYSUT members are still struggling to rebuild their lives. Hundreds remain homeless. Unfortunately for many, recovery will likely be measured in years rather than days.

Numerous donations have already been given to the NYSUT Disaster Relief Fund, which covers expenses not met by insurance or FEMA — one hundred percent of those contributions go to members. However, Sandy was no ordinary storm; and it will take the extraordinary efforts of the entire union pulling together to help these members recover. If you have already donated: thank you! Would you consider doing more? If you haven't yet donated, now is the time to get involved.

To give our union brothers and sisters a helping hand, NYSUT is launching “Throw out the Lifeline,” a union-wide campaign to raise \$250,000 in 25 days for the NYSUT Disaster Relief Fund. The campaign will begin the first week of February, National School Counseling Week, to highlight the vital “lifeline” role counselors and mental health professionals play in helping members, students and the community cope following the storm. Details, downloadable information and tips for local fundraising are included on this page, www.nysut.org/disasterrelief.

When disaster strikes, few things are more comforting than the support of others. And right now, your support is desperately needed for the many NYSUT members struggling to recover from Superstorm Sandy — please help us “Throw out the Lifeline.”

In solidarity,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Kathleen M. Donahue'.

Kathleen Donahue
NYSUT Vice President

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Lee Cutler'.

Lee Cutler
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