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**Subject:** FW: Response to CT Attorney General Request for information - Sandy Hook Relief  
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**Subject:** Response to CT Attorney General Request for information - Sandy Hook Relief

Nancy,

Thank you for taking the time to answer my questions earlier this week. Attached is our response to the CT Office of Attorney General request for information. We received three separate letters concerning Sandy Hook Relief and I am attaching these letters for your reference because we are providing one consolidated response. As I shared with you, the CTPTSA assisted the Sandy Hook PTA in establishing a fund and is acting as a custodian of the funds until the end of the school fiscal year. We have also deposited a small amount of donations directly into our SHS PTA account because these were gifted to specific needs we faced transitioning back into school following the tragedy. The approximate total donations to date provided in the attached questionnaire represent an approximate combined total as of last month.

I've included on copy, Tracey Jaeger, SHS PTA President, Jim Accomando, CTPTSA President, Mike Ziebka, Accountant for CTPTSA, and Melissa DellaCorte, Accountant for SHS PTA.

Please contact me with any questions.

Laura Taylor  
SHS Treasurer

Connecticut Office of Attorney General  
Connecticut Department of consumer Protection

Sandy Hook Relief Information

Name of Organization: **Sandy Hook School PTA**

*The fund name is the CTPTSA Sandy Hook School Fund. The CTPTSA is currently the custodian of the fund because shortly after 12/14/12 when the CTPTSA leadership and SHS PTA Board met to discuss the creation of a fund, our SHS PTA no longer possessed a viable mailing address nor did the SHS PTA Board have the resources to manage the administrative duties associated with an immediate influx of donations. The SHS PTA Board is in the process of establishing a foundation for the purposes of managing the distribution of the funds.*

1. What is the approximate dollar amount of donations and pledges that your organization has received to date in response to the Sandy Hook tragedy?

*Approximately \$800,000 has been received to date.*

2. Will these funds be used solely for the Sandy Hook tragedy? If not, approximately what portion will be used for relief for victims and what other purposes, and in what proportions, will funds be used for?

*The funds will be used solely in response to the Sandy Hook tragedy. The funds will be used to enhance the lives and learning of students through classroom and community based programs, resources, and enrichment and to support efforts focused on rebuilding and strengthening our Sandy Hook School community.*

3. Approximately how much has your organization spent to date related to the Sandy Hook tragedy?

*Approximately \$5000 has been spent to date related to the Sandy Hook tragedy. The funds have been used in part to support our transition to the new school and to provide funds for events which bring together students, parents, and teachers and staff of SHS.*

4. What services has your organization provided to those affected by the Sandy Hook tragedy? What populations or class of victims are being served by your organization in response to the Sandy Hook tragedy? What services does it expect to provide in the future?

*Services provided to date include hospitality support at school for the SHS staff and for several meetings held at the school with parents, teachers, law enforcement, mental health professionals, and school leadership. In addition, services have been provided supporting SHS student and family focused gatherings and school assemblies. The organization expects to continue to provide similar services in support of those affected by the Sandy Hook tragedy.*

5. Has your organization provided funding to other organizations for purposes related the Sandy Hook tragedy? If so, which organizations have received those funds and what is the approximate dollar amount provided to them? How does your organization determine the need for funding?

***To date our organization has not provided funding to other organizations for purposes related to the Sandy Hook tragedy. In the future it is possible that our organization will make donations to other non profit organizations also impacted by the Sandy Hook School tragedy such as first responders.***

6. Has your organization provided, or does it intend to provide, direct financial assistance to individuals, families or businesses for Sandy Hook relief? If so, what is the approximate dollar amount that your organization has proved to date and approximately how much direct financial assistance does it expect to provide in the future? How does your organization determine the need for assistance?

***The Sandy Hook PTA has not provided and it does not intend to provide direct financial assistance to individuals, families, or businesses for Sandy Hook relief. It is possible that the organization will provide donations to other non profit organizations indirectly related to the Sandy Hook Tragedy, such as first responder organizations and other organizations better positioned than a PTA to support the ongoing recovery in the Sandy Hook School community. We do not determine need for direct individual assistance. We will determine need for assistance that is aligned with our mission by several means including consultation with teachers, school administration, town leadership, and our PTA members.***

7. Does your organization have a plan in place on how to use any surplus funds not spent for purposes related to the Sandy Hook tragedy? If so, please describe that plan.

**Our organization does not expect to have surplus funds not spent for puposes related to the Sandy Hook tragedy.**

***Laura Taylor, SHS PTA Treasurer 4/11/2013***

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Name and title of representative

Date

Please email this document with your response to [Nancy.Santoro@ct.gov](mailto:Nancy.Santoro@ct.gov) by April 12, 2013. You may obtain an electronic copy of this document by emailing a request to <http://www.ct.gov/ag/lib/ag/charities/sandyhookfundraising-web.doc> or by emailing a request to [Nancy.Santoro@ct.gov](mailto:Nancy.Santoro@ct.gov).

# State of Connecticut

GEORGE JEPSEN  
ATTORNEY GENERAL



Hartford  
March 28, 2013

Sandy Hook Elementary Victims Relief Fund  
12 Dickenson Drive  
Sandy Hook, CT 06482

In the wake of the brutal and senseless killing of twenty children and six adults at the Sandy Hook Elementary School in Newtown, people from across the world have been moved to make millions of dollars in charitable contributions. In response to this outpouring, dozens of organizations and individuals have established funds or conducted fundraising events to collect these contributions. Like so many, we are heartened by this outpouring of sympathy and support.

Consistent with the responsibilities to oversee charitable activities and fundraising in Connecticut, we are requesting information about your organization's fundraising and charitable efforts. In all circumstances, donors need information to help make informed giving decisions and to understand the purposes for which their gifts will be used. This is particularly important - and challenging - when so much money is being raised so quickly.

To promote transparency and encourage further giving, we request that you provide responses to the questions in the attached document. We understand that you are currently responding to needs of the victims, and do not want to distract you from your efforts. Accordingly, we have attempted to limit our questions to those that can be answered with limited effort and disruption, but which will provide important information to the public at this stage of the relief efforts. In the coming months, we expect to reach out to you for additional information, including more detail about how donations have been expended and the steps taken to prevent fraud and/or misuse of resources. This is a voluntary request for information, but we strongly urge you to participate so this important information can be provided, through our websites or other means, to the giving public.

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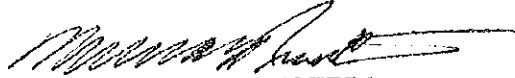
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We look forward to working with you in promoting the best interests of the Newtown community and all victims of the Sandy Hook tragedy.

Sincerely,



GEORGE JEPSEN  
Connecticut Attorney General



WILLIAM M. RUBENSTEIN  
Commissioner  
Department of Consumer Protection