



NYC Volunteer Group Housing Program (VGHP)

A program of New York Disaster Interfaith Services, the VGHP helps recruit, train, and build the capacity of congregations and non-profit facilities to host SuperStorm Sandy rebuilding volunteer groups. We also coordinate housing availability and reservation services for those groups and with LTRGs and our National VOAD partners.

The VGHP is built upon sector best practices and partnerships established by our National VOAD (Voluntary Organizations Active in Disasters) partners in prior recovery efforts. However, the VGHP is unique to the cultural, religious, and borough diversity of New York City and its host sites, while supporting the housing needs of out-of-town volunteers for local rebuild non-profits and National VOAD rebuild teams. Volunteer group numbers greatly affect the pace of long-term recovery. This program builds and sustains the capacity of NYC to host up to two thousand volunteers per day, year-round. The VGHP is critical to our rebuilding efforts and the partnerships and capabilities we develop will build our City's resiliency to future catastrophic events.

Staff Support



Volunteer Housing Website

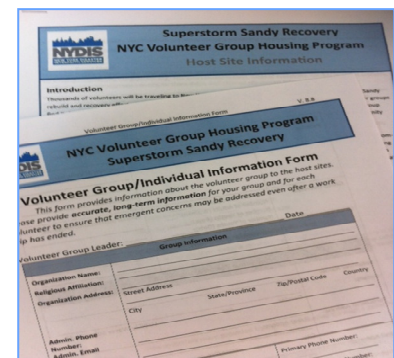
Volunteer capacity: 25-30 individuals
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Resurrection Brooklyn
Organization Name: Resurrection Brooklyn
Affiliation: Presbyterian
Street Address: 2802 Batchelder Street Brooklyn, New York 11235 Kings
City: Brooklyn
State: New York
Volunteer capacity: 18
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VGHP Form Set



- **Support, site visits, and education** for potential host sites and partners.
- **Training** for all host sites and their volunteers/staff.
- **Volunteer Support** and enrichment programming.
- **NYC Volunteer Group Housing Task Force** is convened twice monthly by NYDIS Staff.
- **LTRG & NVOAD** support.
- **Reservation Services** to help volunteer groups locate and reserve housing.
- **Website Directory** of NYC housing by dates, location, faith tradition, or group size.
- **Connects** volunteer groups with local and National VOAD rebuild organizations.
- **Referrals** to appropriate housing sites for groups with religious needs.
- **Resources, guides, and form sets** for volunteer groups.
- **Adaptable Form Sets** can be modified for by any host site.
- **Offers Best Practices** and policy for host site leaders.
- **Practical Information** for host sites and insights into how to host sites can support religiously and culturally diverse volunteer groups.

www.nydis.org/volunteerhousing

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THE NYC VOLUNTEER GROUP HOUSING PROGRAM: GET INVOLVED

For Volunteer Groups

Step 1 — Service/Work Project

Groups must have a SuperStorm Sandy volunteer affiliation or work project before request housing. If your group does not have a work project, visit our website www.nydis.org/volunteerhousing to view a list of volunteer rebuild organizations. Or, call our office and we can help you connect.

Step 2 — Submit a Housing Request

Visit the Request Housing section of our website and fill out the general information form. The VGHP Staff will contact you to discuss your next steps.

Step 3 — Reserve

When you find a host site that fits your group's needs and work location access, we will refer you directly, or we will reserve the space and help you secure an agreement between you and the host site that meets your housing needs.

Step 4 — Volunteer Support

VGHP Staff will work to ensure your NYC volunteer experience is rewarding and safe, by offering both enrichment programming and information about working and living in NYC, and host site support.

For Host Sites

Step 1 — Register

Are you interested in hosting volunteers? Visit the VGHP website www.nydis.org/volunteerhousing, fill out a short intake form, and the VGHP staff will contact you to discuss your next steps.

Step 2 — Host Site Visit

VGHP Staff will visit your facility and conduct a formal site assessment to ensure that it is appropriate and safe for housing volunteers. If approved, the VGHP staff will offer assistance or referrals for assistance to help get your facility ready to house volunteers.

Step 3 — Start Up Support

Once your facility is physically ready and your staff are capable of managing the site, the VGHP Staff will list your location in their website directory so that volunteers from around the world can connect with you. They will also ensure you have all the program documents you need, offer guidance throughout the volunteer housing process, and support your volunteer housing efforts whenever necessary.

Step 4 — Partnerships and Ongoing Support

The VGHP staff will continue to keep you connected to incoming volunteers and rebuilding efforts or LTRGs.

To Find Housing for Your Volunteers, Or a Volunteer Group

To Sign-up Your House of Worship or Non-Profit Facility as a Host Site

**CONTACT THE VOLUNTEER GROUP HOUSING PROGRAM:
212.669.6100 or volunteerhousing@nydis.org**

For more information visit the VGHP at www.nydis.org/volunteerhousing

*NYDIS is a 501(c)(3) faith-based federation of service providers and charitable organizations who work in partnership to provide disaster readiness, response, and recovery services to New York City. NYDIS and its members seek to mitigate human suffering caused by catastrophes and serve **the most vulnerable and under-resourced households and communities** affected by disaster.



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