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### DEAR FRIENDS OF NYDIS:

Welcome to **NYDISnet**, our bi-weekly e-newsletter. We hope this resource will keep you updated about the work of NYDIS and developments in disaster readiness, response and recovery initiatives here in New York City. If you have some news to share or an upcoming event to publicize please contact [slockwood@nydis.org](mailto:slockwood@nydis.org).

When an emergency situation arises in New York City - our office will send out a **NYDISnet ALERT** to all subscribers. The alert will include all official information available through the NYC Office of Emergency Management and news from our members and partners.

Please feel free to copy and distribute any information from **NYDISnet** that you find helpful. If you would like to distribute **NYDISnet** to your agency staff or faith community leaders please let us know - we're happy to provide that service free of charge.

Faithfully, Peter

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## NYDIS NEWS AND EVENTS

### ■ **SAVE THESE DATES!**

#### ● **NYDIS to host Jazz Benefit Concert**

A jazz concert to benefit NYDIS will be held Wednesday, Nov. 9, 6:00-9:00 pm in Synod Hall on the grounds of the Cathedral Church of St. John the Divine at 110th & Amsterdam Ave. The concert will be performed by the internationally acclaimed jazz pianist and vocalist Rick DellaRatta and his band. His band consists of Israeli, Arab, European, Asian and American musicians. The concert is being produced by the Jazz for Peace Foundation.

For details or tickets go to Jazz for Peace:

[www.jazzforpeace.org](http://www.jazzforpeace.org)

#### ● **NYDIS to hold 2005 Annual Meeting**

NYDIS will hold its Third Annual Meeting on Tuesday, Nov. 22, 6 pm, in the rooftop pavilion at NYU's Kimmel Center on Washington Square Park.

For details on either upcoming event, check out our website at:

[www.nydis.org](http://www.nydis.org)

## ■ Show to Benefit NYDIS' Katrina Relief Program

A song, dance and magic show to benefit Hurricane Katrina evacuees through NYDIS' Katrina Relief Program will be Saturday, Oct. 22, 5 pm, at Lafayette Grill and Bar, 54 Franklin St. Performers include singer Jeanne Castle, dancers Yukako & Maximiliano Gytano, and magician Ramon Saez. A cash donation of \$25 at the door will include the show plus raffle ticket for two \$50 gift certificates to Virgin Megastore.

For more info or to reserve a seat in advance, contact:  
Rosa at [dasayla@yahoo.com](mailto:dasayla@yahoo.com)  
718.786.7310

For directions and a flyer, go to:  
[www.nydis.org/resources/materials/Katrina\\_Event.pdf](http://www.nydis.org/resources/materials/Katrina_Event.pdf).

## ■ NYDIS Hosts Immigrant WTC Recovery Workers Meeting

On Oct. 12, NYDIS hosted a meeting of over 15 agencies to discuss trends in assistance and emerging needs for immigrants who participated in cleaning up following the destruction of the World Trade Center. Discussion focused on ways to support long-term stability for the hundreds of immigrant 9/11 recovery workers emerging with debilitating and chronic illnesses due to their exposure. A follow up meeting will be held in Nov.

Agencies that participated in the meeting included: Asociación Tepeyac de New York, Filipino American Human Services, Inc., Unitas Therapeutic Community, the Health and Welfare Council of Long Island, Mt. Sinai Hospital, Bellevue/NYU Occupational & Environmental Medicine Clinic, NYCOSH, the New York Immigration Coalition and the American Red Cross September 11 Recovery Program.

If your agency is interested in participating in the next Immigrant WTC Recovery Workers Meeting, please contact:  
Maggie Jarry  
[mjarry@nydis.org](mailto:mjarry@nydis.org)  
212-669-6105

## ■ NYDIS and USG Members Assist Katrina Evacuees

As of Oct. 9, the American Red Cross in Greater New York and NYC OEM had registered over 1,400 households representing an estimated 2,000 evacuees who have relocated to NYC because of Hurricane Katrina, and the number could reach 3,000. A majority of the NYC evacuees are here because of a connection with family or friends and are interspersed throughout the five boroughs. However, some 400 evacuee families are staying in hotels in Manhattan, Brooklyn, and Queens at the expense of the Red Cross.



The Human Services Council has activated the United Service Group (USG) network and eight of its agencies have already begun case management services including three NYDIS members, Cathedral Community Cares (Episcopal), ICNA-Relief and the Salvation Army; other agencies within the Catholic and Jewish Communities have activated as well. A Katrina Coordinating Group has now been convened and is meeting every Monday morning. Hayyim Obadyah, Disaster Response Liaison, is coordinating the work of USG.



For more information contact:  
Hayyim Obadyah  
212-836-1618, or by email at:  
[Obadyahh@ujafedny.org](mailto:Obadyahh@ujafedny.org)

In response to the influx of Katrina evacuees, the NYC Office of Emergency Management (OEM) continues to operate a Welcome Center and Disaster Assistance Service Center (DASC) at 80 Centre Street. It is open to evacuees Monday-Friday from 8:30am-7:00pm.

NYDIS has been actively coordinating with the USG and OEM's human services planning team and has assumed the oversight of two operational needs on behalf of our members.

- **NYDIS Coordinates DASC Exit Interviews**

NYDIS Recovery Director Maggie Jarry and AmeriCorps Member Cindy Katz continue to coordinate and train volunteers to conduct Exit Interviews of every evacuee family processed through the DASC (Disaster Assistance Service Center). Volunteers are recruited and given a DASC orientation by New York Cares. The exit interviews assure that each family has accessed all the services offered at the DASC and also identifies each evacuee's unmet needs. The information collected will be used by the Human Services Council, NYDIS and OEM to determine what long-term recovery programs will be implemented to help evacuees achieve sustainable recovery. In the short-term NYDIS uses the information to coordinate relief services with our members and to communicate about donation needs.

**If you would like to volunteer** to do exit interviews at the DASC, please contact:  
New York Cares  
[www.nycares.org](http://www.nycares.org)

Or

Cindy Katz  
[ckatz@nydis.org](mailto:ckatz@nydis.org)



- **NYDIS Operates Katrina Evacuee Clothing Mart**

NYDIS is working in partnership with the Mayor's NYC Clothing Bank to support the distribution of new clothing to NYC's Katrina evacuees. With volunteers from various faith communities and clothing from the Mayor's Volunteer Center, NYC Clothing Bank, the Salvation Army, the Attorney General's Office, World Vision and several manufacturers who donated directly, a self-shop clothing mart opened at Riverside Church on Thursday, Sept. 22, and served over 300 evacuees in seven days.

**The Clothing Mart is now located at St. Peter's Roman Catholic Church at Church and Barclay Streets** ([map](#)). Hours of operation are **Monday-Friday, 11 am-6 pm**.

Evacuees must have registered with the American Red Cross or at the DASC, and have a referral form to shop at the Clothing Mart. The Katrina Evacuee Clothing Mart will remain open as long as the DASC at 80 Centre St. ([map](#)) is operational.

Each family is permitted to come to the Mart once a week and take 7 outfits (including an interview suit) per person. Families

are also given one \$4 MetroCard per family member.

If you would like to support our relief work, please contact:  
Gili Chupak  
212-669-6106  
[KatrinaRelief@nydis.org](mailto:KatrinaRelief@nydis.org)

#### ■ NYC 9/11 Unmet Needs Roundtable Updates



- **In-Service Training for Case Workers**

In-Service Training is required for case workers who have never presented a case at the Roundtable, and is recommended as a refresher for experienced case workers who have previously presented cases.

- 9:30-11:30 am at NYDIS - **Tuesday, October 25**
- 9:30-11:30 am at NYDIS - **Tuesday, November 8**

- **Next Meetings of the Roundtable**

The NYC 9/11 Unmet Needs Roundtable brings together donors with agencies providing case management to 9/11 victims. Case Workers who would like to present a case must sign-up by Friday prior to the meeting of the Roundtable.

- 9:30 am - **Thursday, October 27**
- 9:30 am - **Thursday, November 10**

To sign up for In-Service Training or to present a case, contact:  
Maggie Jarry, Moderator  
212-669-6105  
[mjarry@nydis.org](mailto:mjarry@nydis.org)

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## COMMUNITY NEWS AND EVENTS

#### ■ Katrina Evacuee DASC Hours Change

Get the word out in every language possible about the Hurricane Katrina Evacuee DASC (Disaster Assistance Service Center). The DASC is operated by the NYC Office of Emergency Management at 80 Centre Street ([map](#)). **Please note the change in days of operation. The DASC is open Monday-Friday, 8:30 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.**



For more information and directions to the DASC, go to:  
[www.nyc.gov/html/oem/home.html](http://www.nyc.gov/html/oem/home.html)

#### ■ How Can You Help New York City's Katrina Evacuees?

- **Make a donation to one of our member/partner agencies** by clicking on the scroll bar article "Hurricane Katrina Relief Funds" on our website at [www.nydis.org](http://www.nydis.org)
- **Donate to NYDIS' Katrina Evacuee Relief Program** by clicking on "[Make a Donation](#)" and select Katrina Evacuees Fund in the drop down menu.

Or, send a check to:  
New York Disaster Interfaith Services  
22 Cortlandt St., 20th Floor  
New York, NY 10007  
write "Katrina" on the memo line

We are a 501(c)(3), contributions are 100% tax deductible.

- **Pray** for the evacuees, for others who are dislocated in the Gulf Shore States, for those who hear their stories and bear witness to their suffering, for those who are working in rebuilding and recovery efforts, and for all those in positions of leadership - that they might do all within their power to create the conditions for healing and hope.
- **Volunteer** with New York Cares or with NYDIS to serve at the DASC or the Katrina Evacuees Clothing Mart.

To volunteer contact:

[www.nycares.org](http://www.nycares.org)  
[KatrinaRelief@nydis.org](mailto:KatrinaRelief@nydis.org)

- **Donate NEW clothes or NEW household goods to the Clothing Mart.** We need warm clothing such as sweaters, coats and jackets, gloves and scarves for women, men, and children in all sizes. Especially needed are men's suits, long-sleeve casual and dress shirts, casual and dress pants in all sizes but especially sizes 30-38; Women's suits and separates, casual and dress pants in all sizes but especially sizes 10, 12, 14, and extra large; undergarments and socks in all sizes.

**ALL GOODS DONATIONS MUST BE PRE-APPROVED BY PHONE - UNSOLICITED DONATIONS WILL NOT ACCEPTED BY US.**

To donate, contact:

Gili Chupak  
212.669.6106  
[KatrinaRelief@nydis.org](mailto:KatrinaRelief@nydis.org)

#### ■ Assistance Guide Available for Katrina Evacuees & Providers

A Hurricane Katrina Assistance Guide is available at [www.nydis.org](http://www.nydis.org). Click on the rolling scroll bar under Headlines on the home page.

#### ■ Legal Information for Evacuees Relocating to NYC

- **Legal Hotline**

The City Bar Justice Center has set up a hotline to field calls from persons who have relocated to the New York area from the hurricane-stricken region and have law-related questions or problems.

Staffed: Monday-Friday, 10 am-6 pm.

English: 212.626.7373

Spanish: 212.626.7374

Email: [katrinahelp@nycbar.org](mailto:katrinahelp@nycbar.org)

#### ■ How to Find Pets After Hurricanes

Thousands of pets stranded after the Hurricanes were rescued by teams representing the Humane Society of the United States (HSUS), ASPCA and other national organizations. Many of these animals are being fostered in shelters around the country, awaiting reunification. Together with petfinder.com, volunteer "caseworkers" at the HSUS are coordinating the effort to reunite these pets with their families.

If your pet(s) were lost following the storms, please visit:  
[www.petfinder.com/disaster](http://www.petfinder.com/disaster) or [www.petfinder.org](http://www.petfinder.org).

Or call:  
520-321-1606  
Emails can be sent to [katrina@petfinder.com](mailto:katrina@petfinder.com).

For further information, contact:  
The Humane Society of the United States  
[www.hsus.org](http://www.hsus.org)

### ■ Pakistan Quake Relief

Faith-based disaster response groups were coordinating immediate relief in quake-stricken Asia while simultaneously planning a unified long-term recovery effort.

Read the full story at:  
[www.disasternews.net/news/news.php?articleid=2897](http://www.disasternews.net/news/news.php?articleid=2897)

A list of faith-based international relief agencies doing relief work in Pakistan and Kashmir can be found on our website at:  
[www.nydis.org](http://www.nydis.org)

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## FROM OUR MEMBERS AND PARTNERS

- **BPGNY/Full Circle Health Provide MH Treatment for Evacuees**

Black Psychiatrists of Greater NY and Associates are working with Full Circle Health and faith-based communities to provide treatment for Hurricane Katrina evacuees in NY and NJ.

For more info, contact:  
Phyllis Harrison-Ross  
[phrmd@nyd.rr.com](mailto:phrmd@nyd.rr.com)  
[www.bpgny.com](http://www.bpgny.com)



- **NYAC-UMC Organizing Response Teams**

The NY Annual Conference-United Methodist Church Disaster Preparedness & Response Committee is organizing Volunteers in Mission Early Response Teams. One team will go to the Mississippi Conference and another team will go to the Alabama Conference. There will be 15-20 people on a team. The trips will be scheduled beginning in October.

For more information contact:  
Rev. Joseph Ewoodzie  
[jewoodzie@nyac.com](mailto:jewoodzie@nyac.com)  
fax: 914-615-2244



- **MH Professionals Interested in Deployment to LA**

All potential volunteers for mental health services should apply via SAMHSA. The state Office of Mental Health is not processing anyone: "At this time, we aren't really set up to do large scale volunteer logistics ourselves. We are encouraging individual and small group volunteers to register to be deployed via SAMHSA. SAMHSA has a logistics contractor who is responsible for matching people to Louisiana requests, getting them to LA, housing and feeding them and getting them home."

Links to the SAMHSA contractor are:

[www.wcikatrinahelp.com/Cont.htm](http://www.wcikatrinahelp.com/Cont.htm)

866-587-5908

Registration:

[www.wciconferences.com/wci\\_katrina\\_help/reg\\_online.htm](http://www.wciconferences.com/wci_katrina_help/reg_online.htm)

- **LA Creates Statewide Interfaith Network**

Representatives from more than a dozen faith groups are forming a statewide interfaith organization aimed at coordinating Louisiana's faith-based relief efforts.

Read the full story at [www.disasternews.net/news/news.php?articleid=2888](http://www.disasternews.net/news/news.php?articleid=2888)

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## PREPAREDNESS CORNER

- **New York City Disaster Preparedness Information**



Information and preparedness resources are available at:

[www.nyc.gov/html/oem/html/readynewyork/home.html](http://www.nyc.gov/html/oem/html/readynewyork/home.html)

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## JOB OPPORTUNITIES IN DISASTER SERVICES

- International Orthodox Christian Charities seeks an MSW for several weeks of full-time employment in Biloxi, MS, to help Holy Trinity Orthodox Church parishioners recover from Hurricane Katrina. Travel, and modern accommodations will be provided, as well as a suitable per-diem.

For info, call:

Rev. David Kossey at 212-674-1066

IOCC is on the web at:

[www.IOCC.org](http://www.IOCC.org)



- NYDIS has two full-time temp positions open. One for research and data entry in our Planning & Training Office and other in our Katrina Relief Program. A position profile is available for download from our website.

[www.nydis.org](http://www.nydis.org)



For info, call:  
Rahma Walker  
212-669-6100



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## WE RECOMMEND...

- For a detailed run down of immigrant/Katrina issues, go to: [www.ilw.com/immigdaily/news/2005,0921-crs.pdf](http://www.ilw.com/immigdaily/news/2005,0921-crs.pdf)
- Faith-Based Responders Reflect on what's uniquely effective about faith-based disaster response. NYDIS/NYDISnet quoted.

Read the full story at:

[www.disasternews.net/news/news.php?articleid=2891](http://www.disasternews.net/news/news.php?articleid=2891)

- *How We Can Prepare for the Hidden Trauma*, a response to the threat NYC faced last weekend, by Mark D. Lerner, Ph.D., *President, American Academy of Experts in Traumatic Stress*

To read the full article, visit:

[www.aaets.org](http://www.aaets.org)

- Facing the threat of a subway bombing plot, people are turning to a safe place to voice their fears: their shrinks.

You can view the entire article at:

[www.nydailynews.com/news/story/353897p-301749c.html](http://www.nydailynews.com/news/story/353897p-301749c.html)

- For the latest on disaster features and information on Katrina and other disasters, go to: [www.disasternews.net](http://www.disasternews.net)

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## MAKE A GIFT TO NYDIS

- **Order Our 9/11 Recovery and Ground Zero Tour CD**



It's not too late to order from NYDIS the newly released CD - [Courage: A Pilgrim's Walking Tour of Ground Zero](#). Produced by Courtney Cowart who was a volunteer at St. Paul's Chapel after 9/11, the CD accompanies the listener through a journey at Ground Zero and includes not only walking directions, a map, and identification of key points on the landscape, but also provides first-person stories by participants who worked tirelessly in the recovery effort and have struggled with the pain and suffering of the experience.

The CD is enhanced with music by acclaimed songwriter and singer Beth Nielsen Chapman and Emmy award-winning musician, composer and producer Gary Malkin.

**Proceeds from the sale of the CD support NYDIS' disaster readiness, response and recovery initiatives.**



To order *Courage: A Pilgrim's Walk of Ground Zero*:  
Order online at [www.nydis.org/visitnyc/5.php](http://www.nydis.org/visitnyc/5.php)  
Call: 212-669-6100  
Cost: \$15 per CD + \$2 shipping and handling

- **MAKE A DONATION TO NYDIS ONLINE:**

If you'd like to make a donation to assist NYDIS in its mission of providing faith-based disaster services, [click here](#), or send a check to NYDIS at 22 Cortlandt Street, 20th Fl., New York, NY 10007. NYDIS is a 501(c)(3) corporation and contributions are 100% tax deductible. It is a great way to honor or memorialize someone and we will send an acknowledgement of your gift.



To donate on line, go to the NYDIS homepage and click on "Make a Donation": [www.nydis.org](http://www.nydis.org)

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