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Furniture Assist, Churches, Bring Aid to Disaster Areas

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For the past week, Furniture Assist, Inc. has been honored to work with the First Congregational Church of Westfield (FCC) and the Reformed Church of Highland Park (RCHP) to deliver clothes to several locations in the Hurricane Sandy disaster area. In an incredible show of teamwork, about 200 bags of clothes were delivered to Atlantic City, Somerville, Hazlet, New Brunswick, and Union Beach. In addition, two cars from the FCC, brimming with supplies, accompanied the RCHP van to Keyport.

Volunteers from Furniture Assist were aided by over 40 volunteers from the FCC in sorting, bagging, and labeling the clothes from FA and that were collected by the FCC. The gas situation complicated getting the clothes from Kenilworth to the FCC to be sorted, but volunteers came through and made it happen.

The clothes were then driven to Highland Park, along with the supplies, on Sunday. From there drivers split up and went to Somerville or Keyport. Once in Somerville, the

volunteers were guided by employees of Alfonso's Family Trattoria and Father Ronald Pollock of St. John's Episcopal Church, to the Lincoln Hose Company 4. Fireman Scott Becker helped the group unload the clothes where they will be stored until they can be transported to the disaster area.

Furniture Assist is grateful to the employees of Alfonso's for driving our clothes to Atlantic City on Monday morning. On Sunday evening, the RCHP took some of the clothes donated by Furniture Assist and the FCC to Hazlet, New Brunswick, and Union Beach.

Furniture Assist will continue to collect clothes for those affected by Hurricane Sandy. Donations can be dropped off at Furniture Assist on Sunday mornings. Visit the website, www.furnitureassist.com for details. Clothes can also be dropped off on weekdays at the First Congregational Church of Westfield on Elmer Street between the hours of 10 a.m. and 2 p.m.

Thank you for your continued generosity.



HELPING OTHERS...The Youth Fellowship group from First Congregational Church of Westfield volunteer their time and sort bags of clothing to be sent to areas devastated by Hurricane Sandy.

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GOOD DEED...Fireman Scott Becker of Lincoln Hose Company #4 Somerville, Jennifer Scott, Board of Trustees Furniture Assist, Inc. and Father Ronald Pollock of St. John's Episcopal Church in Somerville take a break after delivering supplies to areas devastated by Hurricane Sandy.