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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.

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.

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Faithfully, Peter

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NYDIS NEWS AND EVENTS

- NYDIS' 2007 ARC Liberty Fund Grant Totals \$2.3M

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The American Red Cross (ARC) has awarded a supplemental \$1.75 million from its Liberty Disaster Relief Fund to enhance NYDIS' 2007 coordination of services and support for 9/11 victims and injured recovery workers. This expanded grant brings the total award for 2007 recovery programs to \$2.3 million; and continues the availability of cash assistance to WTC recovery workers through the NYC 9/11 Unmet Needs Roundtable. It will also increase NYDIS' capacity to coordinate services for injured WTC recovery workers and provide seven sub-grants of up to \$55,000 for case management providers. The grant also provides for opening a Coordinated Assistance Network (CAN) profile to track service coordination for injured recovery workers.



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Learn about the ARC Liberty Disaster Relief Fund:
www.redcross.org/general/0,1082,0_152_1392,00.html

www.redcross.org/911legacy

■ NYDIS Welcomes New Episcopal Board Member

The Venerable Michael Kendall, Archdeacon for Mission of the Episcopal Diocese of New York was appointed on December 13 by Bishop Mark Sisk. The Archdeacon will hold one of two "governing seats" held by the Diocese on NYDIS's Board of Directors - the other seat is held by The Rev. Canon Storm Swain.



www.diocesenyny.org

■ NYDIS Attends Mayor's Interfaith Breakfast

Ten NYDIS staff and board members joined NYC's clergy leaders and other interfaith organizations at Mayor Bloomberg's Annual Interfaith Breakfast at the New York Public Library on December 29, 2006. After welcoming remarks from Dr. Paul LeClerc, president of the NYPL, the program included invocations from clergy of different faiths representing the city's diverse congregations. The Brooklyn Youth Chorus performed and the Mayor spoke.



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■ NYDIS & NYCOSH Publicize Worker Comp Deadline

NYDIS is joining the NY Committee for Occupational Safety and Health (NYCOSH) in collaboration with the NYS AFL-CIO, WTC Medical Monitoring Program, the Laborers' Health and Safety Trust Fund, the Business and Labor Coalition of New York, workers' compensation law firms, the UCC-National Disaster Ministries, and Wall Street Rising, is mounting a media campaign to inform workers throughout the country about the necessity of registering for workers' compensation. Joel Shufro, NYCOSH Executive Director, said, "We know that tens of thousands of people are at risk of becoming ill as a result of their exposure toxic air and to psychological trauma while



doing rescue, recovery or cleanup work after 9/11. We want to ensure that every one of them registers with the Workers' Compensation Board before the August 14, 2007, deadline. And if they don't know about the program, they won't register, it's that simple."

For guidelines for registering, in English and Spanish, and all the necessary forms:

866.WTC.2556

Download the brochure (pdf):

www.nydis.org/resources/materials/2007_NYDIS_NYCOSH_Reg.pdf

www.nycosh.org

■ NYC 9/11 Recovery Resources Online

A comprehensive list of news, updates and resources for 9/11 victims and injured recovery workers, updated weekly:

www.nydis.org/recovery/11.php

■ NYC 9/11 Unmet Needs Roundtable Updates

- **Online 9/11 Client Inquiry Form**

To access the form, go to:

www.nydis.org/unmetneeds/7.php



- **NYC 9/11 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. All training sessions take place at NYDIS ([map](#)).

- **Monday, January 8 - 1:00-3:30 pm**
- **Monday, February 5 - 1:00-3:30 pm**

- **NYC 9/11 Unmet Needs Roundtable Schedule**

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. Due to the influx of cases which need presenting, the 9/11 Unmet Needs Roundtable will be adding an additional Wednesday date each month. There will now be three meetings a month, instead of two.

- **Thursday, January 4 - 9:30-12:00 noon**
- **Thursday, January 11 - 9:30-12:00 noon**
- **Thursday, January 18 - 9:30-12:00 noon**
- **Wednesday, January 24 - 9:30-12:00 noon**
- **Thursday, February 1 - 9:30-12:00 noon**

- **NYC 9/11 Case Management Coordination Meetings**

NYDIS hosts monthly Case Management Coordination meetings for service providers that are assisting 9/11 recovery workers and the general 9/11-affected community. These meetings are open to representatives from any service

providers that wish to coordinate and share information about their services and the community's needs.

- **Wednesday, January 17 – 9:30-11:00 am**
- **Wednesday, February 14 – 9:30-11:00 am**

To sign up for In-Service Training, present a case, or RSVP for Case Management Coordination Meetings:

Maggie Jarry, Director of Recovery & Advocacy

212.669.6105

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■ NYC Katrina Evacuee Resources Online

A comprehensive list of news, updates and resources for Katrina evacuees in NYC, updated weekly:

www.nydis.org/katrina

■ NYC Katrina Unmet Needs Roundtable

- **NYC Katrina In-Service Training for Case Managers**

Case managers working with Katrina or Rita survivors are required to attend an in-service training prior to presenting at the Roundtable. The purpose of these trainings is to provide case managers with a better understanding of the workings of the Roundtable and to help increase the likelihood that a client's needs could be funded.



- **NYC Katrina Unmet Needs Roundtable**

The NYC Katrina Unmet Needs Roundtable aids case managers in securing cash assistance and to share resources to best meet the unmet needs of disaster victims so that they may regain self-sufficiency and recover from the impact of a disaster. The Roundtable helps to facilitate long-term recovery by supporting clients' recovery plans.

For more information contact:

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■ Upstate NY Flood Recovery Resources Online

A comprehensive list of news, updates and resources for upstate NY flood recovery, updated weekly:

www.nydis.org/recovery/12.php

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COMMUNITY NEWS AND EVENTS

■ The Freedom Tower's First Column Raised At Last

"Today the steel rises, the Freedom Tower rises from



the ashes of Sept. 11, and the people of NY and the people of America can be proud," Gov. George Pataki said on December 19, when a massive crane lifted the first column. Painted with an American flag and the words "Freedom Tower", the 31-foot-high column was set over steel bars on the southern edge of the Tower's base. The second column, also raised, bears the signatures of steelworkers and politicians from VA, where it spent time at a steel company before being shipped to NY. A third column, covered with signatures of New Yorkers and 9/11 victims' relatives, as well as pictures of some firefighters killed in the attack, is also being installed. "Rising from the heart of the WTC site, the Freedom Tower will symbolize the spirit of our city and our nation: inspiring, soaring and undefeated," Mayor Bloomberg said.



Read the entire article:

1010wins.com/pages/149605.php?contentType=4&contentId=260488

■ Sign-Up Now – WTC Medical Exams for Responders

The WTC Medical Monitoring Program offers free, complete medical examinations. To date, 30,000 responders have been screened under the Program, which is open to responders in NY and across the country who served at Ground Zero. Eligible responders who have not yet been screened are urged to enroll in the program. What doctors learn from monitoring the health of thousands of these workers will help future disaster relief workers.



Contact for an exam:

1.888.702.0630 from 9:00 am-5:00 pm

wtcexams@mssm.edu

Download the Brochure (pdf):

www.wtcexams.org/pdfs/wtc_brochure_english_20060828.pdf

www.wtcexams.org

■ Enroll in WTC Health Survey

The WTC Health Registry is a comprehensive and confidential health survey of those most directly exposed to the events of 9/11/01, and will give health professionals a clear picture of the health consequences of 9/11/01.



For a copy of the WTC Health Registry Survey:

healthinfo@wtcsurvey.org

Contact the WTC Health Registry:

212.442.1585 or 866.692.9827

wtdhr@health.nyc.gov

www.nyc.gov/html/doh/html/wtc/about.html

■ DOHMH Urges Completion of WTC Health Survey

On December 14, 2006, the NYC Health Department





(DOHMH) announced that in the previous three weeks, more than 13,000 enrollees in the WTC Health Registry completed the follow-up survey about their physical and mental health after 9/11. The agency urges all remaining enrollees to complete the re-survey as this is the first opportunity for enrollees to inform the Registry about their physical and mental health since 2004. Data collection will continue for the next several months, and findings will be released to the public. Established in 2003, the Registry monitors the symptoms and health conditions of many different groups affected by 9/11, including residents, rescue and recovery workers, office workers, people on the streets nearby, students and teachers in the area. The results should help health experts recognize and treat conditions potentially associated with exposure to 9/11 and its aftermath.

Read the DOHMH Press Release:

www.nyc.gov/html/doh/html/pr2006/pr118-06.shtml

Download the DOHMH Report, "City Health Information: Clinical Guidelines for Adults Exposed to the WTC Disaster" (pdf):

www.nyc.gov/html/doh/downloads/pdf/chi/chi25-7.pdf

■ **Treatment Funds for 9/11 Workers Running Out**

The roughly \$40 million set aside by the federal government to treat rescue workers and volunteers who became ill after helping with the 9/11 cleanup and recovery will run out in months, physicians and federal officials said on December 18, 2006. Members of Congress from NY and NJ secured \$75 million a year ago to pay for health care expenses for about 32,000 workers who reported ailments after working at Ground Zero. Officials at the two major monitoring and treatment programs, Mount Sinai Medical Center and the Fire Department, said that at the current spending rate, the treatment money would run out by spring or summer and unless more financing was provided, they would be forced to notify thousands of patients that their treatment could soon end. Senator Clinton said, "I am not going to say where the money should come from, I'm merely saying that this should be a national priority. It is not just a NY priority."

Read the NY Times December 19, 2006 article:

www.nytimes.com/2006/12/19/nyregion/19health.html

- **NY Legislators Caucus to Address 9/11 Health Needs**

Senator Hilary Clinton, and Reps. Carolyn Maloney and Vito Fossella held a news conference to discuss the progress of the federal response to the health impacts of the 9/11 attacks. They urged the Administration to include comprehensive funding for 9/11 health treatment and monitoring in the President's budget proposal for next year and noted that although the very first federal funding for 9/11 health treatment was released in October, treatment programs currently funded may have to shut their doors as early as next summer unless they receive another round of federal support. The elected officials also urged the Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) to finally release a concrete plan to provide medical monitoring for everyone exposed to Ground Zero toxins and treatment for anyone who is sick. Senator Clinton said, "This funding is absolutely fundamental to our ongoing efforts to help those who gave so much on 9/11 and in the days after."

Read Senator Clinton's Press Release:
clinton.senate.gov/news/statements/details.cfm?id=267033

■ President Declares NYS Floods a Federal Disaster

On December 12, 2006, FEMA Director David Paulison announced that federal disaster aid has been made available for NY to supplement state and local recovery efforts in the area struck by severe storms and flooding during the period of November 16-17, 2006. He said federal funding is available to state and eligible local governments and certain private nonprofit organizations on a cost-sharing basis for emergency work and the repair or replacement of facilities damaged by the severe storms and flooding in the counties of Broome, Chenango, Delaware, Hamilton, Herkimer, Montgomery, Otsego, and Tioga. Federal funding is also available on a cost-sharing basis for hazard mitigation measures statewide. Director Paulison named Marianne C. Jackson the Federal Coordinating Officer for federal recovery operations in the affected area.



www.fema.gov

■ Upstate NY's Second Disaster with November Floods

In the midst of the holiday season, flood damage is still burdening hundreds of people in Broome County, NY. The water inundated hundreds of homes in June, and again in November. "The number-one need is furnaces," said Greg Jenkins, case management coordinator for the Broome Area Networking in Disaster (BAND), which is comprised of faith-based and community-based groups that are addressing unmet needs and helping people plan their long-term recovery. BAND is attempting to offer both financial assistance and help installing new furnaces, but the group needs more monetary donations and more volunteers. Jenkins estimates BAND will provide services for a minimum of 600 people on a long-term basis. The county had 4,800 registrations for Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) assistance. While some people were hit by repeat flooding, both in June and November, others were hit for the first time in November.



Read the DNN December 18, 2006 article:
www.disasternews.net/news/news.php?articleid=3405

www.catholiccharitiesbc.org

■ Bill for New Bioterror Agency on President's Desk

Lawmakers approved legislation December 9, 2006, creating a Health and Human Services agency aimed at the prevention of bioterrorism, in a move that continues to delegate to HHS more responsibility in preparing for and responding to a potential biological attack. The Pandemic and All-Hazards Preparedness Act (S. 3678), which now awaits President Bush's signature, would authorize more than \$5 billion for biomedical research projects and would allow funds for vaccine research and development. The measure would clarify that the HHS Secretary would assume the lead role in the event of a bioterrorist attack or disease outbreak, and essentially would relegate the Homeland



Security Department (DHS) to a supporting role. HHS Secretary Mike Leavitt said the legislation "supports our efforts to improve coordination of preparedness and response programs across the department."

Read the full article:

www.govexec.com/story_page.cfm?articleid=35692&dcn=e_qvet

Read Senator Clinton's Press Release:

clinton.senate.gov/news/statements/details.cfm?id=266437

■ **New Survey Assesses First Responder Communications**

The Department of Homeland Security (DHS) announced the results of the National Interoperability Baseline Survey of first responders and law enforcement that assesses progress in achieving interoperable communications. It was issued to 22,400 randomly selected law enforcement, fire response, and emergency medical services (EMS) agencies. "The survey reinforces the fact that interoperability is achievable," said Secretary Michael Chertoff. "The willingness of emergency response leaders and local officials to make this issue their priority is what will continue to drive progress on one of 9/11's most important lessons." Survey findings will help emergency response leaders and policy makers make informed decisions about strategies for improving interoperability.



Read the Fact Sheet:

www.dhs.gov/xnews/releases/pr_1165603330445.shtm

Download the Survey report (pdf):

www.safecomprogram.gov/NR/rdonlyres/40E2381C-5D30-4C9C-AB81-9CBC2A478028/0/2006NationalInteroperabilityBaselineSurvey.pdf

www.dhs.gov

■ **"Ready or Not?" New Report Gives NY 7 Out of 10**

The Trust for America's Health (TFAH) released the fourth annual "Ready or Not? Protecting the Public's Health from Disease, Disasters, and Bioterrorism" report which found that the nation's public health system, the first line of defense against pandemic flu, a bioterror attack or other widespread health emergency, remains unprepared to protect the American public. The fifty states, and DC, were evaluated based on ten key indicators to assess health emergency preparedness capabilities. Oklahoma scored the highest with 10 out of 10. Only 15 states are rated at the highest preparedness level to provide emergency vaccines, antidotes, and medical supplies from the Strategic National Stockpile. New York was rated 7 out of 10. The report also offers a series of recommendations to help improve preparedness.



Read the December 12, 2006 Press Release (pdf):

healthyamericans.org/newsroom/releases/release121206.pdf



Download the Full "Ready or Not?" Report (pdf):

healthyamericans.org/reports/

■ Governor Names New Homeland Security Head

Governor Eliot Spitzer named State Senator Michael A. L. Balboni of Nassau County to be his top homeland security official. Mr. Balboni will have the title of deputy secretary for public safety security, which was described in a news release issued by the Spitzer transition team as the incoming administration's senior security and law enforcement official.



Read the entire NY Times December 27 article:

www.nytimes.com/2006/12/27/nyregion/27albany.html

■ Ground Zero Construction Means Wall Street Disarray

The bankers, traders and residents of Lower Manhattan are about to find out what it's like to be in the vortex of the most concentrated construction zone in New York City's history. As many as 9,000 trucks a month will rumble through the district, hauling concrete, glass, and metal. Most of the supplies will be headed over the next five years for Ground Zero, that will be home to the 1,776-foot Freedom Tower, five adjacent skyscrapers, a transportation center and the memorial to the victims of 9/11. About 50 Lower Manhattan projects, costing \$20 billion, are planned or under way, including the Ground Zero construction, a new headquarters for Goldman Sachs Group Inc., and new underground water pipes, subway stations, parks and residential buildings. Charles Maikish who heads the Lower Manhattan Construction Command Center said, "The Trade Center site itself is the epicenter."

Read the Bloomberg News article:

www.bloomberg.com/apps/news?pid=20601109&refer=home&sid=aoAvUwbIralo

■ Op-Ed Suggests \$1.5 Billion for 9/11 Injured

Since 9/11 the flood of litigation continues unabated in federal court in Manhattan: 6,000 people are suing NYC, the Port Authority and more than 100 private contractors for negligence in exposing workers to toxic dust and fumes. Thousands of additional claims are expected in the next few months. Approximately 40,000 recovery workers, as well as residents of Lower Manhattan and others, are all potential litigants. Some will probably eventually suffer the same ailments that have led to the current lawsuits. The federal judge presiding over the lawsuits has urged settlement, warning that continuing the litigation is inefficient, expensive and risky to all parties. The mere existence of thousands of lawsuits fuels uncertainty and delays the payment of compensation to eligible victims. In an OP-ED column in the New York Times, Kenneth Feinberg, contends that there is \$1.5 billion available to settle the pending lawsuits, more than sufficient to pay all eligible claims.

Read the entire December 14, 2006 NY Times column:

www.nytimes.com/2006/12/14/opinion/14feinberg.html

■ NY Lawmaker Proposes Screening of Airport Workers

More of the nation's airport personnel are undergoing background checks, and some lawmakers want all of the nearly 1 million workers to be screened when they arrive on the job each day, USA Today reports. "This is the weakest link in aviation," said NY Representative Nita Lowey, a senior member of the House Homeland Security Committee, who has proposed a bill that would require airport employees to be screened for weapons. Most airport workers must pass a background check when they're hired, which then allows them to pass unchecked into secure areas.

Read the USA Today December 18, 2006 article:
[www.usatoday.com/news/washington/
2006-12-18-airport-workers-screen_x.htm](http://www.usatoday.com/news/washington/2006-12-18-airport-workers-screen_x.htm)

■ OSHA's Lessons Learned from Katrina and 9/11

In an interview with Occupational Hazards, Ed Foulke, the US Department of Labor's Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) Administrator, says he is confident that after the lessons learned from 9/11 and Katrina, OSHA has a solid system in place. For instance, OSHA has trained its inspectors in emergency response and supervisors from OSHA area offices along the Gulf Coast region have been trained to work with FEMA on how to coordinate training and response, and the agency has prepared materials for the aftermath of another disaster. When asked why OSHA exempted enforcement during the hurricane disasters, Foulke explains that FEMA made it OSHA's mission to provide technical assistance only. But Foulke says the need for technical assistance was so much greater and it probably allowed the agency to get to more areas if it wouldn't have been operating under that mode.

Read the December 12, 2006 Occupational Hazards Interview:
[www.occupationalhazards.com/Issue/Article/
43584/A Talk with Ed Foulke.aspx](http://www.occupationalhazards.com/Issue/Article/43584/A_Talk_with_Ed_Foulke.aspx)

■ ICMA and PERI Launch Emergency Response Network

The International City/County Management Association (ICMA), the premier local government leadership and management organization, and the Public Entity Risk Institute (PERI) formed a national network for community-focused emergency planning, response, and recovery initiatives. The National Emergency Management Network (NEMN) is a community of local government entities that uses a unique combination of information resources, tools, and training to facilitate inter-agency collaboration, identify and share resources, and better prepare for local incidents and large-scale disasters. Local authorities benefit from NEMN by forming regional and national relationships with other local governments and their business partners, and by utilizing a software system to visualize, share, deploy, and manage emergency response and recovery resources within their own communities, and with disaster-stricken areas.



For more information and to join NEMN:
866.460.6366
info@nationalemergencymanagementnetwork.com
www.nationalemergencymanagementnetwork.com

■ Emergency Hospital Disaster Plan Developed

US medical researchers say hospitals planning for a surge of disaster victims should begin with a strategy to empty beds of relatively healthy patients, reports United Press International (UPI) on December 8, 2006. The researchers, led by Dr. Gabor Kelen, director of emergency medicine at Johns Hopkins Hospital in Baltimore, say data suggest such a strategy could safely empty 70 percent of a hospital's inpatient population within 72 hours. Health care officials fear few US hospitals could deal with the extraordinarily large numbers of casualties that can be produced by a natural disaster such as Hurricane Katrina, epidemics or a terrorist attack like 9/11.

www.upi.com

■ Katrina Inspires Pet Evacuation Law in NJ

Learning from Katrina, New Jersey lawmakers passed a law requiring each of the state's 21 counties to make preparedness plans for pets during an evacuation. New Jersey is one of nine states that passed laws dealing with pet evacuations. "It looks like NJ's law is one of the strongest in the country, as it prescribes very specific measures to help animals in disasters," said Michael Markarian, a vice president with The Humane Society of the US (HSUS).

Read the Sun Herald's December 18, 2006 article:

www.sunherald.com/mld/sunherald/news/state/16264612.htm

■ New National Symbol for Emergency Management

The stylized letters "EM" will be used by state and local emergency managers as an icon in a new campaign to help make people more aware of what emergency management does to protect lives and property. "We think it's important to have a recognizable symbol," said Bruce Baughman, president of the National Emergency Management Association. "If people see that symbol on web sites, on the sides of government vehicles, on crates of emergency relief supplies and on preparedness material, they'll more easily recognize the efforts to make their lives safer and more secure and hopefully become more involved in the process."



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FROM OUR MEMBERS AND PARTNERS

● OEM Reviews Response After October Plane Crash

On October 11, 2006, Yankees pitcher Cory Lidle's plane crashed into an Upper East Side building in Manhattan. NYC OEM Watch Command and responders picked up the incident over the FDNY radio and immediately dispatched a team to the site. The OEM command bus arrived and established an interagency command post. OEM coordinated a massive response force from the fire and police departments,



the Department of Buildings (DOB), the medical examiner's office, ConEd, the National Transportation Safety Board (NTSB), the Federal Aviation Association, the Mayor's Community Assistance Unit, and the American Red Cross in Greater New York (ARC GNY), using the same emergency protocol it applies to all fires, explosions, and partial building collapses it encounters. OEM responder, Fred Reich, cites "lots of agency training," as the secret to the success of this response.

Read the entire NYC OEM December 18, 2006 review:

www.nyc.gov/html/oem/html/news/12_18_06_lidle_plane_crash.shtml

- **Best of 2006 Award for NYC OEM's New Office Building**

NYC OEM received Construction Magazine's Award of Merit for Adaptive Reuse for their new office building. It is a converted 1954 building which formerly served as the NY home of the American Red Cross, and will become the first "green" agency headquarters in NYC. Mayor Bloomberg, in his weekly radio address on 1010 WINS News Radio on December 10, 2006, said, "Located in Downtown Brooklyn, this is OEM's first permanent home since 9/11, when its former headquarters at 7 WTC was destroyed. It contains four facilities essential to OEM's mission - all designed with back-up systems and emergency generators that will permit them to operate in the event of a power outage. The new Emergency Operations Center (EOC) [where NYDIS has a designated seat], will be the nerve center for managing multi-agency responses to large-scale events or emergencies. The new headquarters also houses an enhanced "Watch Command", where emergency services personnel will conduct ongoing, round-the-clock video and audio monitoring of events affecting our city, and communicate with police, firefighters, and other 'first responders' as well as with State and Federal authorities."



The Mayor's radio address:

[Audio](#) or [Text](#)

www.newyork.construction.com

- **NYC OEM Welcomes New Director of Human Services**

In December 2006, Dina Maniotis was appointed as the new Director of Human Services for NYC OEM. She was formerly Director of Builders for the Family and Youth Center, a Catholic Charities of Brooklyn-Queens affiliate, where a disaster response team was set up, and which provides post-9/11 job re-training and trauma counseling.



She can be reached at:

718.422.4808

dmaniotis@oem.nyc.gov

- **DCS Welcomes New Staff Members**

Disaster Chaplaincy Services (DCS) is restructuring to facilitate the expanding needs of the agency. Victoria Ramsey, Volunteer Coordinator, will handle all information regarding the chaplain corps. Derrick McQueen, Communications Coordinator, will work with Board members on raising funds and updating the website, writing newsletters and press releases. Rev. Walter Sotelo, Leadership Coordinator, will work with the Leadership chaplains.



www.dcs-ny.org

- **WTC Memorial Makes Progress in Building Effort**

WTC Memorial Foundation chairman, Mayor Bloomberg, announced three major advances in the effort to build the WTC Memorial: significant new fundraising momentum bringing the total raised to \$202 million, the appointment of fundraiser Catherine Blaney as Executive VP of Development, and the identification of a design concept for the arrangement of victims' names on the Memorial.



Read the December 13, 2006 Press Release (pdf):

www.buildthememorial.org/site/DocServer/12.13.06.pdf?docID=2781

www.buildthememorial.org

- **ARC Offers Mental Health Aid to All Katrina Evacuees**

The Access to Care program is an initiative of The American Red Cross' (ARC) Hurricane Recovery Program and is administered by Link2Health, a non-profit subsidiary of the Mental Health Association of NYC. Coverage is retroactive to August 30, 2005 and will cover services received on or prior to April 1, 2008 for those who lived in a pre-disaster area designated by FEMA for individual assistance following Katrina, Rita or Wilma and suffered significant impact.



Enroll before October 1, 2007:

866.794.4673

www.a2care.org/ssl/prescreen.html

www.a2care.org

- **ARC Guide for Talking About Disaster**

The purpose of *Talking About Disaster: Guide for Standard Messages* is to assist those who provide disaster safety information to the general public. Users of this guide, which contains awareness and action messages intended to help people reduce their risk of injury or loss in the event of natural and human-caused disasters, may include emergency managers, teachers, disaster educators, public affairs/public relations personnel, mitigation specialists, and media



communicators. These awareness messages provide general information about the threats presented by each type of disaster and describe what people should do to prepare for and get safely through a disaster.

Download *Talking About Disaster: Guide for Standard Messages*:

www.redcross.org/disaster/disasterguide/standardmsg.html

- **ARC-GNY Preparedness Presentation - Brooklyn**

Prepare New York is a free 45-minute emergency preparedness presentation teaching NYC residents how to create a plan, build a supply kit, and keep loved ones safe and informed during times of disaster. Participants receive an interactive CD that can be used to create a customized evacuation plan and brochures from the ARC and NYC OEM. The next presentation is on Wednesday, January 10, 11:00-12:00 noon at the Windsor Terrace Senior Citizens Center at 245 Prospect Park West in Brooklyn.



718.330.9200

brooklynoutreach@arcgny.org

www.nyredcross.org/page.php/prmID/32

- **WTC Survivors Network Head Honored**

WTC Survivors Network honored LDRNY partner, Faithful Response's Michael Arcari, who received a Survivor's Salute from the WTC Survivors Network in December 2006. The award recognized Arcari's work on behalf of all those affected by 9/11, but particularly for his friendship to the WTCSN in connecting evacuees with pro bono mental health services. In his remarks, Arcari noted the importance of recognizing and encouraging resilience.



www.survivorsnet.org

- **Abraham's Day: National Day of Goodwill**

On Saturday, January 6, ICNA Relief USA will present "Abraham's Day: A National Day of Goodwill Towards Mankind". Local human service and religious organizations will work together to support the needy and homeless in our communities. Volunteers are wanted to collect and distribute new winter clothes such as coats, hats, gloves, warm blankets, and boots. Also collected will be toys and diapers, and non-perishable food items such as canned goods, rice, flour, baby food, and formula. Local drop-off centers will be set up to collect these donations in participating cities, which will then be distributed at local shelters and mosques. NYDIS, a proud co-sponsor of this effort, reminds you that these are the supplies to keep on hand in case of emergencies.



To learn how you can volunteer and to get more information, please contact Sr. Malika Rushdan:

718.658.7028
malika@icnarelief.org

Download the Flyer (pdf):
www.nydis.org/resources/materials/NYDISnet_52_Abrahams.pdf

www.icnarelief.org

- **WCC Offers Online 9/11 Peer Support Discussion Group**

World Cares Center (WCC) provides support to survivors and disaster response volunteers and professionals affected by 9/11 and other disasters. WCC September Space Community Centers offer peer-to-peer discussion groups, seminars and workshops, holistic treatments, and social events for families, groups and individuals. This online discussion group is designed to expand that support by giving individuals access to, or the opportunity to provide, peer support. Ask questions, comment on related issues, share coping skills, and share resources. It is facilitated by September Space Program Managers and questions or concerns may be referred to certified clinicians as necessary; and provides those who cannot physically visit the Centers another venue for receiving support and sharing experiences in the aftermath of disaster.



Register online:
worldcares.org/discussion/board/profile.php?mode=register

www.worldcares.org

- **Tzu Chi Publishes Katrina Book Reflecting Love**

Taiwan Buddhist Tzu Chi Foundation volunteers from the southern US joined the disaster relief efforts in the Gulf Coast, and publishing house, Rhythms Monthly, sent teams of journalists to document the post-hurricane recovery. In the process, they witnessed the social restructuring in America as a result of Katrina's catastrophic path. In their just-released book, *The Love Within Hurricane Katrina: A Tzu Chi Perspective*, words and pictures provide an in-depth look of the resurrection efforts of New Orleans. Wei-Zong Cao, CEO of Tzu Chi Foundation, writes, "Hopefully, the true stories in this book could touch the hearts and minds of many more people and give rise to concern for sentient beings in suffering." (ISBN #978-986-81419-9-5)



To find out more about the book:
909.447.7799
rhythms@tzuchi.org.tw

www.tzuchi.org/global

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- **Downloadable Ready NY Preparedness Guides**

OEM's Ready NY preparedness campaign is designed to help New Yorkers better prepare for all types of emergencies. The following preparedness guides and brochures are available online:



- Beat the Heat
- Emergency Planning for Small & Mid-Sized Companies
- Hurricanes and New York City
- Pet Preparedness
- Ready NY Household Preparedness Guide
- Ready NY: Pocket Guide
- Seniors & People with Disabilities

To download these guides, [click here](#).

www.nyc.gov/html/oem

- **Prepare for Heating Season**

As cooler temperatures arrive, NYC OEM encourages New Yorkers to learn safe heating practices for their homes. Improper heating can lead to gas leaks and fires, and safe heating can prevent such emergencies.



Guidelines:

www.nyc.gov/html/oem/html/hazards/winter_tips.shtml#safeheating

www.nyc.gov/html/oem

- **NYC OEM's Tip This Week: Don't Be Left in the Dark**

After the Winter Solstice this year, you don't have to be left in the dark. Make sure you have working flashlights in your Go Bag and Emergency Supply Kit. Check the batteries in each flashlight to ensure you'll have light in the event of a power outage.

www.nyc.gov/html/oem

- **FEMA's Helpline Telephone Numbers**

Information on the status of disaster assistance and other needs is just a phone call away. The Federal Emergency Management Agency's (FEMA) and NYS's toll-free helpline numbers are available for those who have questions once they have registered. Callers may check the status of their application for assistance from the Upstate NY storms and floods; and get answers and referrals to applicable agencies and organizations.

The FEMA Helpline is 800.621.FEMA (3362) and is open 8:00 am-8:00 pm daily.

Learn how to get help:

www.fema.gov/news/newsrelease.fema?id=29719

- **SEMO Offers Winter Safety Tips**

The NYS Emergency Management Office (SEMO) offers *Preparedness Through Awareness*, a winter preparedness guide that includes tips on Home Safety, Neighborhood Safety, Road Safety and Outdoor Safety.



Download SEMO's Winter Guide (pdf):

www.semo.state.ny.us/info/publicsafety/winterGuide.pdf

www.semo.state.ny.us/index.cfm

- **Flu Preparedness**

- **Guide to Protect Employees Against Avian Flu**

OSHA unveiled a new safety and health guidance that alerts employees and employers about the hazards of occupational exposure to avian influenza from infected birds, or Avian Flu, and provides practical recommendations on ways to avoid infection.



Download the November 2006 Guidance Update (pdf):

www.osha.gov/OshDoc/data_AvianFlu/avian_flu_guidance_english.pdf

- **USFA Offers Flu Preparedness Guidelines**

"Pandemic Influenza Planning and Preparation Best Practices Model", the US Fire Administration (USFA) offers this draft interim guidance to all service agencies, including fire, police, emergency medical services, public works, 911 call centers, and emergency management. The best practices are designed to promote the development of community-specific guidelines and operational protocols to meet the challenge of a pandemic outbreak while not affecting normal daily response activities.



Download the USFA's Guideline draft (pdf):

www.usfa.dhs.gov/downloads/pdf/PI_Best_Practices_Model.pdf

- **Avian influenza in Egypt**

On December 27, 2006, the Egyptian Ministry of Health and Population informed the World Health Organization (WHO) of three new human cases of Avian Flu A(H5N1). All three cases belong to one extended family in Gharbiyah province, close to Cairo. While being transferred and cared for at the country's designated Avian Flu hospital, all three died. The cases reportedly had contact with sick poultry (ducks). The Egyptian Ministry is conducting further investigations and has initiated public health measures. The other family members are healthy and under close observation.



www.who.int/en

- **NYS Program for Animal Response and Rescue**

In 2004 the Empire State Animal Response Team (ESART) was created to address NYS' animal-related disaster response needs. It promotes and supports the creation of County Animal Response Teams (CARTs) to provide rapid, professional assistance at the local level. ESART offers training opportunities to volunteers that include: Creating a County Animal Response Team (CART); Animal Care, Handling and Control; Temporary Sheltering, Pet-Friendly Sheltering, and Transport Planning; Small Animal Technical Rescue and Recovery; Large Animal Technical Rescue and Recovery; Ice Rescue; Incident Command System; Hazardous Material Awareness; and Zoonotic Disease Awareness and BioSecurity.



For information on how to join ESART:
Kelly Nilsson, Director, ASPCA NYS Disaster Response Services
518.885.8736
kellyn@aspcanys.org

www.empiresart.com

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SAVE THE DATE

- **9/11 Health/Environment WCC Seminar**

Thursday, January 11
6:00-8:00 pm
September Space Lower Manhattan
11 Broadway, 11th Floor



This is the first in a series of monthly health seminars regarding post-9/11 health and environmental issues that are presented by the World Cares Center (WCC) in this new year. Dr. Perera of Columbia University Mailman School of Public Health will present findings from the on-going WTC Pregnancy Study. There is no fee.

For more information and to RSVP, contact Laura Horowitz:
212.563.7570 x20
rsvp@worldcares.org

www.worldcares.org

- **"The Ripple Effect" Preparedness Conference**

Tuesday, February 6 - Wednesday, February 7
National Press Club, Washington, DC



The "Homeland Security: The Ripple Effect" emergency disaster preparedness conference will explore the cascading impacts of terrorism and natural disasters on smaller communities and address the resources, planning, and training needed to prepare for such an event. Practitioners in emergency and disaster management, and homeland security will mix practice with policy to develop a systematic approach to assist communities in responding to future disasters.

For registration information:

888.767.5561 Toll Free

703.683.5561

events@apus.edu

To Register Online:

www.e-ventcentral.com/event.registry/RippleEffectSymposium

www.apus.edu/disaster

- **Disaster Planning for the Carless Conference**

Thursday, February 8 - Friday, February 9

University of New Orleans

New Orleans, LA

Katrina and Rita revealed how vulnerable carless residents are in emergency situations; and that evacuation plans in most major cities fail to adequately take into account the needs of the elderly, disabled, and transit dependent populations. The goal of the National Conference on Disaster Planning for the Carless Society conference is to bring together government officials, professionals, and experts to discuss how we can better prepare for those that are in most need, and will seek to better integrate the fields of transportation planning, emergency management, and healthcare.

Information and registration:

[conferences.uno.edu/confCalendar\(CUPA\).htm](http://conferences.uno.edu/confCalendar(CUPA).htm)

Download Brochure:

[www.nydis.org/resources/materials/](http://www.nydis.org/resources/materials/NYDISnet_54_Carless.pdf)

[NYDISnet_54_Carless.pdf](http://www.nydis.org/resources/materials/NYDISnet_54_Carless.pdf)

www.carlessevacuation.org

- **NEMA Mid-Year Conference**

Saturday, February 10 - Wednesday, February 14

Alexandria, VA

Registration for the 2007 NEMA Mid-Year Conference at the Hilton Alexandria Mark Center in Alexandria, Virginia is now open. Hear from those involved in shaping the future of homeland security and emergency management, and share views on all hazards emergency preparedness with the leadership in Washington.



For Online Registration:

www.nemaweb.org/register_mid07/Select_Type.cfm

Contact Karen L. Cobuluis, Meeting & Marketing Coordinator:

859.244.8143

kcobuluis@csg.org

www.nemaweb.org

- **15th Annual VOAD Conference**

Tuesday, April 17 - Friday, April 20
Albuquerque, New Mexico



"Partnerships in Motion" is the subject for VOAD's 15th annual conference. The conference will begin with the kick-off reception and dinner the evening of April 17, plenary sessions and workshops April 18 and 19, and a closing plenary the morning of April 20 that will summarize the conference outcomes and declare the priorities for the year. Information on workshops, registration, and agenda schedule will be coming soon.

www.nvoad.org

- **ASPCA & NYS Disaster Response Conference**

Friday, June 8 - Monday, June 11
Suffolk County, NY



The American Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals (ASPCA) Disaster Response Services, a member of the Empire State Animal Response Team (ESART), offers a three-day conference on Technical Large Animal Emergency Rescue. Location and registration brochure will be posted April 4.

www.asPCA.org

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WE RECOMMEND

- **Post Your Resources on NYDIS.org**

Do you have a useful resource for caseworkers, recovery providers and clients that you would like to submit? The [NYDIS Resource Library](#) on our website contains a large compilation of disaster resources including downloadable documents, links to useful websites, and references to printed publications. We welcome your agency's resources, which can be posted on NYDIS.org by clicking on the "Resources" Tab. You will then find directions on how to [Submit a Resource](#)".



www.nydis.org

- **Annual NYC Hunger Survey Just Published**

The NYC Coalition Against Hunger's annual survey, "Hunger Hangs On: NYC Food Pantries and Soup Kitchens Still Overwhelmed", details how the number of people forced to use the city's pantries and kitchens continues to increase despite recent increases in the stock market. The Coalition also cites federal data from the US Department of Agriculture and the Human Resources Administration to corroborate many of the survey's findings. The Coalition's annual survey is the best known yearly report on hunger. Addressing the root



causes of hunger make at risk communities more resilient in times of crisis and disaster.

Download the Report (doc):

www.nyccah.org/releases/report_final.doc

www.nyccah.org

- **Preparing Non-Profits for Disasters**

The Nonprofit Coordinating Committee of NY (NPCCNY), an information source for NY nonprofit agencies since 1984, has just published *Disaster Planning, Emergency Preparedness & Business Continuity*, a guideline on how an organization can prepare its own disaster recovery plan so that, should an interruption occur, it is able to resume operations.



Download the *Disaster Planning, Emergency Preparedness & Business Continuity* Report:

www.npccny.org/info/disaster_plan.htm

www.npccny.org

- **EPA's Website Offers Preparedness Resources**

EPA works with a variety of private and public entities to prevent, prepare for, and respond to spills and other environmental emergencies. EPA's website provides information about these activities, links to the key groups involved in contingency planning and response, and provides information on how to report hazardous substance and oil spills.



www.epa.gov

- **Interfaith Response to WNY Disaster Recovery**

In the wake of snowstorm and flooding, the Disaster Recovery Interfaith Network of Western New York was formed to coordinate interfaith response for long-term recovery, and provide spiritual and emotional resources for storm survivors and access to individual assistance to those whose needs are not met by federal or state aid. Organized under the incorporation of the Network of Religious Communities.



To become a partner in the Network group, contact Joanne Hale, Church World Service Emergency Response:

jhale@churchworldservice.org

716.773.7935

www.religiousnet.org

- **Ready.gov Offers Guidelines for Older Americans**

DHS urges older Americans to start preparing now in case of a disaster or an emergency. The "Preparing Makes Sense" guide outlines common sense measures, such as making a supply kit,



making a plan with a personal support network, and how to stay informed.

Download the Brochure (pdf):

www.ready.gov/america/getakit/seniors.html

www.ready.gov

- **ARC's Preparedness Tips For Seniors By Seniors**

A group of senior citizens from the Rochester-Monroe County Chapter of the American Red Cross (ARC) developed a disaster preparedness information kit with a helpful reference tool for all seniors to benefit from.



Read all the information:

www.redcross.org/services/disaster/beprepared/seniors.html

- **DHS Disaster Exercises Lessons Learned Websites**

- **LLIS Website**

Lessons Learned Information Sharing (LLIS.gov) is the national network of Lessons Learned and Best Practices for emergency response providers and homeland security officials. LLIS.gov's secure, restricted-access information is designed to facilitate efforts to prevent, prepare for and respond to acts of terrorism and other incidents across all disciplines and communities throughout the US.



www.llis.gov

- **HSEEP Website**

The Homeland Security Exercise and Evaluation Program (HSEEP) is both doctrine and policy for designing, developing, conducting and evaluating exercises. HSEEP is a threat and performance-based exercise program that includes a cycle, mix and range of exercise activities of varying degrees of complexity and interaction.



HSEEP includes a series of four reference manuals to help states and local jurisdictions establish exercise programs and design, develop, conduct, and evaluate exercises:

www.ojp.usdoj.gov/odp/docs/hseep.htm

www.ojp.usdoj.gov

- **Surviving Extreme Events: Small Business/Non-Profits**

A new publication on CD-ROM from the Public Entity Risk Institute (PERI), "Surviving Extreme Events: A Guide to Help Small Businesses and Not-for-Profit Organizations Prepare for and Recover from Extreme Events" by Daniel J. Alesch and James N. Holly, focuses on how owners of small



businesses and managers of not-for-profit organizations can increase the chances that they and their organizations will financially survive extreme events such as natural hazards, willful acts of destruction, and large accidents. For the owner or manager of a smaller organization, it will provide critical insights on how to survive a disaster.

To order this publication [click here](#).

www.riskinstitute.org/peri

- **Disaster Prep 101: CERT & Civilian Preparedness**

A better prepared civilian population means not only fewer victims, but also that the families of first responders will be better prepared, allowing the responder to more readily report for duty. This comprehensive how-to-book with a 2-CD reference library takes an all-hazards approach covering how to survive and thrive during and after a disaster, terror attack and family emergency. First responders get a 20% discount.



Buy "Disaster Prep 101" online:

www.disasterprep101.com/cgi-bin/xpresscart/store.cgi?s=101&p=Disaster+Prep+101

For more information:

Paul Purcell
770.577.7046

Lauren Ginsberg, CSW, NYC OEM CERT Program Manager
718.422.8952

lginsberg@oem.nyc.gov

www.disasterprep101.com

- **Tribute WTC Visitor Center Open Daily**

Daily Walking Tours led by participants in these events provide uniquely personal perspectives on the events of February 26, 1993 and September 11, 2001. The Center will remain in place until the permanent WTC Memorial and Museum are completed.



Are you interested in being a volunteer? Contact:

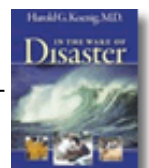
Rachael Grygorcewicz
212.422.3520

volunteer@tributenyc.org

www.tributenyc.org

- **Book Review: *In The Wake of Disaster***

In this timely book, *In the Wake of Disaster: Religious Responses to Terrorism and Catastrophe*, Dr. Harold G. Koenig discusses what and how faith-based and community organizations can contribute in the aftermath of disasters and terrorism. He urges federal, state, and local government policy



leaders to more fully integrate religious organizations into the formal disaster response system; and he provides recommendations on the role that faith communities can play in disaster response and recovery in providing emotional and spiritual care for victims. Dr. Koenig is director and founder of Duke University's Center for the Study of Religion/Spirituality and Health.

To order the book:

www.templetonpress.org/book.asp?book_id=84

- **PlainViews: E-Newsletter for Spiritual Care Providers**

Subscribe to this bi-monthly e-newsletter offering views on Professional Practice, Advocacy, Education & Research, and Spiritual Development. Sponsored by the HealthCare Chaplaincy in NYC and edited by NYDIS Board President The Rev. Dr. Martha Jacobs.



Send your email address to:

info@plainviews.org

www.plainviews.org

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JOB AND VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

- **NYDIS, Three Full-Time Positions**

- **Moderator, NYC 9/11 Unmet Needs Roundtable**

The Moderator will provide daily program administration of the NYC 9/11 Unmet Needs Roundtable. Responsibilities include scheduling case worker presentations for weekly Roundtable sessions, moderating all application sessions between donors and case workers, and managing and leading all case worker orientations for seeking client assistance.



- **CAN Technology Coordinator**

The CAN Technology Coordinator will provide technology support and data management for the implementation of the CAN database system to coordinate services for WTC Recovery Workers with 9/11-related illnesses. The Coordinator will work in a team with the NYC 9/11 Unmet Needs Roundtable Moderator and the Director of Disaster Recovery and Advocacy.

- **Director of Development**

The Director of Development will oversee all aspects of fundraising, grant writing and institutional development. Responsibilities include researching, preparing and writing grant proposals in collaboration with the Executive Director, researching, identifying and successfully cultivating individual, corporate and foundation gifts/in-kind support, establishing and implementing a planned giving program, management and production of all special events, and preparing progress reports to major donors, corporations and foundations in a timely, creative manner.

For more information and position details, visit the NYDIS Job Opportunities page:

www.nydis.org/about/15.php

To apply, please email your Cover Letter and Resume to: pgudaitis@nydis.org or fax to 212.669.6101.

- **NYDIS, Office Volunteers**

NYDIS is seeking office volunteers to support the finance and disaster preparedness/training departments, and to answer phones and perform administrative duties for 20 hours per week. Positions begin immediately.

To apply, please email your Cover Letter and Resume to: pgudaitis@nydis.org or fax to 212.669.6101.

- **NYC OEM, Emergency Preparedness Specialists/Managers**

Specialist/Transportation & Infrastructure Planner ([JVN 061](#))



In the Transportation and Infrastructure Unit within the Planning and Preparedness Division, will develop citywide emergency plans and provide technical advice to City agencies regarding their emergency planning efforts for transportation and infrastructure emergencies.

Manager/Director of Plan Management ([JVN062](#))

In the Planning and Preparedness Division, will oversee a team of Plan Managers to develop, maintain and manage Citywide emergency plans.

Specialist/Plan Manager ([JVN063](#))

In the Planning and Preparedness Division, under supervision from the Director of Plan Management, will develop and maintain Citywide emergency plans and develop and maintain Plan Management policies.

Manager/Director of Logistics ([JVN064](#))

In the Planning and Preparedness Division, will manage a team of planners to create operational logistics plans and detailed logistics procedures for emergency response.

Specialist/Human Services Specialist ([JVN065](#))

In the Planning and Preparedness–Human Services Division, will write detailed emergency response plans that describe complex operations to address the needs of disaster victims.

To apply to these positions, please submit Resume and Cover Letter to:

165 Cadman Plaza
East Brooklyn, NY 11201

jobs@oem.nyc.gov

- **HSC, Coordinator, Preparedness and Response**

The Human Services Council of New York City, The logo for the Human Services Council of New York City features the letters 'HSC' in a bold, blue, sans-serif font. To the right of 'HSC', the word 'Human' is written in a smaller, blue, sans-serif font, followed by 'Services Council' in an even smaller, blue, sans-serif font. The entire logo is enclosed in a thin blue border.

Inc. (HSC), a membership association representing the not-for-profit social service agencies throughout NYC, seeks a Coordinator, Preparedness and Response to facilitate disaster preparedness and response activities that enables the NYC human services sector to respond effectively to human needs created by major disaster.



For a complete description of the position:
www.nydis.org/downloads/NYDISnet_55_HSC.pdf

Send cover letter and resume via email to:
Hayyim Obadyah, Director of Preparedness and Response
ObadyahH@humanservicescouncil.org

- **Volunteers for Upstate NY Flood Recovery Efforts**

New flooding piled more damage and emotional stress on western New York communities still recovering from the June floods. With hundreds of homes with water in the basements, the area badly needs volunteers who can help repair homes; and there aren't enough crisis counselors to address the mental health needs of the flood survivors.

Contact Dottie Baer, Conklin Presbyterian Flood Relief Volunteer Center:
607.775.0790
www.disastervolunteers.org/ops/info.php?desc=182

Kevin Page, FEMA Voluntary Agency Liaison:
607.722.6545

Yvonne Newell, Director of Project Recovery in Broome, Tioga and Delaware Counties:
607.770.8800

- **NDART, Volunteer to Help Animals in Disasters**

The Humane Society of the US' (HSUS) National Disaster Animal Response Team (NDART) consists of animal care professionals, emergency services and rescue professionals. Team members are trained in community disaster response and preparedness as well as specialized response techniques for rescuing animals affected by disasters. To prepare yourself to help animals in a disaster, there are courses offered by FEMA and ARC.



To find out more about the program and the recommended courses:
www.hsus.org/hsus_field/hsus_disaster_center/volunteer_for_the_hsus_disaster_animal_response_team.html

To apply to be a Team member, fill out the application:
www.ndart.org

www.hsus.org

- **Help Keep New Yorkers Safe - Be a Lifeguard**

The NYC Parks' lifeguard program gives you the chance to be a part of an organization that is committed to serving the public. NYC Parks beaches are open in 2007 from Memorial Day weekend through Labor Day, and the pools are open from late June through Labor Day. Lifeguards work 48 hours each week.



Get more information:

[Online Information](#)

[Brochure](#) (pdf)

www.nyc.gov

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MAKE A GIFT TO NYDIS

- **Support NYDIS - Donate 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 online, go to the NYDIS homepage and click "Make a Donation":

www.nydis.org

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