

United Way of the Capital Region

Frequently Asked Questions:

The Capital Region Flood Recovery Fund

1. Why did United Way of the Capital Region create the fund?

When our local community faces a crisis such as this recent flood, agency budgets can be quickly depleted as they attempt to meet the sudden increase in requests for services. This fund will make it possible for a person to make a one-time gift, which will be directed to agencies that need it most.

2. Who is eligible to receive distributions from the fund?

We will accept applications from any agency who can demonstrate their resources were diminished as a result of serving flood victims in Dauphin, Cumberland and Perry counties.

3. How much of my money will go to the agencies?

All of it; United Way will not charge administrative fees on any donations to this fund, so 100% of a person's gift will be distributed to agencies who are responding to this crisis.

4. Will the United Way be making a commitment to the fund?

Yes. The United Way Board of Directors has decided to contribute \$25,000 as the initial gift to the fund.

5. Who will decide how the funds will be distributed?

A group of community volunteers, The Community Response Fund Committee, will be asked to help screen and select worthy candidates.

6. When will the funds be distributed?

Initial grants will be made no later than the 15th of October. Additional distributions will be made as appropriate.

7. How can I make a donation to the fund?

You may send a check made payable to "The Capital Region Flood Recovery Fund" to United Way of the Capital Region at 2235 Millennium Way, Enola, PA 17025. You can also make a gift through our website, www.uwcr.org, click on the "GIVE" button then the "Make a Payment" button. Specific instructions will be found on that page.

8. How long will the fund be accepting donations?

Since we expect to make distributions from this fund to agencies as quickly as possible, we will stop accepting donations November 1, 2011. Any gifts received after that date will be directed to United Way's Providing Emergency Food & Shelter Focused Care Area.

For more information, please visit www.uwcr.org, or call 717.732.0700.