



Pythians Provide Toys and Food to those affected by Sandy

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The Pythian [Humanitarian Fund](#) of [Grand Lodge](#) Domain of New York [Knights of Pythias](#) continues its efforts to support those affected by Superstorm Sandy. In Brooklyn, Saturday, December 1, 2012, Pythian Brothers and Sisters from a several Brooklyn lodges and temples coordinated by Genesis Lodge #64 continuing with their Humanitarian Fund Toy Drive to benefit children affected by Superstorm Sandy. Pythian volunteers collected donations as part of Shake A Cans drives at two locations: Key Food on Avenue U in Mill Basin and Pathmark on Cropsey Avenue. Pythians volunteers, honoring their *We Help People* mission, also supplied sufficient food to the Ancient Order of Hibernians (AOH) on Gerritsen Avenue to feed 250 people.

“We continue to mobilize our Pythian volunteers to support those affected by Superstorm Sandy,” stated Grand Chancellor Craig Shink of the Domain of New York. “Our fellow Pythians know their help is needed and would be greatly appreciated.”

Gerritsen Beach Resident Rose Coulson (center) of the Ancient Order of Hibernians and Deputy Supreme Chancellor Allan Greenberg (right) of The Knights of Pythias and Genesis Lodge at the Home of the Irish on Gerritsen Avenue. (Photo Courtesy of Genesis Lodge #64 Knights of Pythias)



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