

Pythians Support Storm Damaged Brooklyn School

Officers of Alpha Genesis Sunshine Foundation presented a check to St. Mark School to help defray costs incurred by Superstorm Sandy which damaged the school's Gymnasium, Thursday morning, May 16. George Donnelly of St. Mark School accepted the donation from the foundation, the charitable arm of Genesis Lodge #64 of the [Knights of Pythias](#), a national fraternal order.

The storm required St. Mark School which serves students from nursery-age to grade 8 to replace its gym floor. Genesis Lodge holds its meetings at the Sheepshead Bay School. The check represented the remaining monies collected for Superstorm Sandy Relief by Genesis and other Pythian Lodges in the "Domain of New York" not yet been committed. The Pythian contribution helped defray the shortfall from the school's insurance that only partially covered the \$65,000 replacement cost for the gym floor.



Pictured above at the check presentation are (left to right) Alpha Genesis Sunshine Foundation Officers: Grand Outer Guard Phil Feigel, the Genesis Lodge liaison to St. Mark School; Treasurer Lowell Goldberg; George Donnelly of St. Mark School, Vice President Sir Sid Wieder; President Deputy Supreme Chancellor Allan Greenberg; and (kneeling Secretary Errol Lewis.

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