

# Still a need for your PERF donation

**S**ometimes a little help can make all the difference.

Hurricane Sandy left thousands of people homeless. With the backing of insurance payments and government assistance, most are rebuilding their homes or finding new ones. But six months after the storm, which hit the New York-New Jersey coast and surrounding areas last October, hundreds of displaced people—including families with children—still lack permanent housing.

Many of these homeless evacuees are facing a new disaster. The government assistance keeping a roof over their heads is beginning to expire, and some may be forced from the hotels or trailers that are their last hope. At press time, 196 families displaced by the hurricane were facing eviction from hotels in New York City. Some are still waiting for their damaged or destroyed homes to be rebuilt; others simply have no place to go.

Postal employees faced with similar circumstances are fortunate to have another source of help—the Postal Employees' Relief Fund (PERF).

PERF provides assistance to postal employees who are victims of natural disasters or fires. It provides grants to both craft workers and managers ranging from \$1,000 to \$14,000, depending on the total amount of qualified loss after insurance and other relief assistance.

“Just like we take care of the communities we serve, letter carriers look out for each other and our fellow postal workers,” said NALC President Fredric Rolando. “When our people need us, we answer the call, and our efforts can really make a difference in someone’s life after a disaster.”

For postal workers who experience a fire or other disaster, assistance from PERF may bridge the gap between what they need to recover and benefits from insurance and the government. “No victim of a disaster should

face homelessness a second time, or financial ruin, because the help they get falls just a little short of what they need,” Rolando said. “I urge all letter carriers to support PERF to help our postal family in times of trouble.”

Since applications from postal workers affected by Sandy are still coming in, PERF needs to sustain its resources to make sure help is available for everyone who needs it. PERF also needs to be ready to help other applicants who lose homes or property in fires, tornadoes or other disasters.

You can mail a check to PERF at P.O. Box 7630, Woodbridge, VA 22195, donate by credit card online at its website, [postalrelief.com](http://postalrelief.com), or text 50555 to make a one-time donation of \$10 (other charges may apply). You also can give to PERF through the Combined Federal Campaign (CFC); the CFC number for PERF is 10268.

If you need help from PERF, visit its website, [postalrelief.com](http://postalrelief.com), for eligibility and application information, call 202-408-1869 or send an e-mail to [perf10268@aol.com](mailto:perf10268@aol.com). **PR**

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is a harm to all**

#### Donations to PERF can be made:

- Online at [postalrelief.com](http://postalrelief.com)
- On your phone by texting “PERF” to 50555 (\$10 donation)\*
- By sending a check made payable to “Postal Employees’ Relief Fund” in
- By contributing to PERF through the Combined Federal Campaign (CFC) by designating #10268

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