



## press release

### **New Jersey's Nonprofits and Communities to Be Rebuilt and Strengthened After Hurricane Sandy with Additional Funding from Philanthropic Community**

(November 15, Morristown, NJ)— Nonprofits and communities struggling to recover from the widespread devastation left in the wake of Hurricane Sandy received a boost today from the philanthropic community, when the Community Foundation of New Jersey announced that it has established the New Jersey Recovery Fund. The Dodge Foundation pledged a lead gift of \$1 million to the Fund to address the long term needs and unanticipated challenges New Jersey faces on its road to recovery.

The Fund will target grants and low- or no-interest loans to provide flexible support to nonprofits, which are responding to, and have been severely impacted by, the hurricane. In addition it will provide support to forward-thinking communities which need resources to implement smart rebuilding solutions.

The Fund seeks to attract flexible dollars from local and national philanthropic partners which can then be deployed as the wide-ranging effects of this disaster unfold over the coming months. This flexibility allows the Fund to respond to both the direct and indirect impacts of the storm in many areas, including the arts, the environment, human services, and regional and community planning.

Nonprofits throughout New Jersey continue to deal with lost revenue from canceled performances and fundraising events, in addition to prolonged disruptions to their daily operations, programs and services. Additionally, many have suffered significant damage to their offices and equipment.

Already, several partners have joined the Fund, including: the John S. and James L. Knight Foundation, which is offering up to \$250,000 on a matching basis for support of community information needs, including long-term storm recovery coverage by local nonprofit media; the Subaru of America Foundation, which is providing \$250,000 in unrestricted use funds for south Jersey; and the Community Foundation of New Jersey and the Community Foundation of South Jersey. Additionally, the Dave Matthews Band announced yesterday that it will contribute \$1 million to the Community Foundation of New Jersey to establish the "Bama Works Sandy Relief Fund" which also will support recovery efforts. The total committed to this work to date is more than \$2.6 million.

"Even with the good work of relief agencies, governmental assistance, and other aid, New Jersey will feel the effects of Sandy for a long time to come," noted Dodge Foundation President and CEO Chris Daggett. "The role and expertise of the philanthropic community is to provide steadfast, long-term support of nonprofits which

provide the critical programs and services that New Jerseyans rely on every day.” He emphasized that the Fund will complement and openly communicate with other rebuilding efforts around the state, to avoid duplicating efforts.

Hans Dekker, President of the Community Foundation of New Jersey, added, “New Jersey will face tough choices in the months and years ahead as it looks to rebuild. The philanthropic community will help lead the way with its knowledge of, and experience with, creating solutions to the challenges faced by our communities and by devoting resources that can help bring the best thinking and expertise to bear on New Jersey’s recovery.”

Public donations are also being sought, which will expand the Fund’s reach and ability to improve the rebuilding process. Online donations can be made on the Community Foundation’s website: [www.cfnj.org](http://www.cfnj.org).

Details of the awards process will be made available on the Community Foundation and Dodge Foundation websites in December.

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### **Community Foundation of New Jersey**

Established in 1979, the Community Foundation of New Jersey is an alliance of families, businesses and foundations that work together to create lasting differences in people’s lives and communities. Through a combination of Legacy Funds and Donor Advised Funds, the Foundation provides over \$25 million in grants annually to New Jersey communities and organizations. For more information visit [www.cfnj.org](http://www.cfnj.org)

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### **Community Foundation of South Jersey**

The Community Foundation of South Jersey (CFSJ) is a public charity community foundation that was founded with the mission to increase the level of philanthropic investment in southern New Jersey to create thriving, equitable, and livable communities for all. CFSJ believes that through philanthropy, engaged and passionate donors can create this great future.

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### **Geraldine R. Dodge Foundation**

The Geraldine R. Dodge Foundation is a private foundation based in Morristown, New Jersey. Established in 1974, it focuses on issues critical to New Jersey in the areas of Arts, Education, Environment and Media and funds organizations that have a direct, meaningful impact on the state. The Dodge Foundation’s mission is to support leadership, collaboration and innovation for a better New Jersey. For more information, visit [www.grdodge.org](http://www.grdodge.org)

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### **John S. and James L. Knight Foundation**

The John S. and James L. Knight Foundation supports transformational ideas that promote quality journalism, advance media innovation, engage communities and foster the arts. The Knight Foundation believes that democracy thrives when people and communities are informed and engaged. For more information, visit [www.knightfoundation.org](http://www.knightfoundation.org)

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### **Subaru of America Foundation**

The Subaru of America Foundation was established in 1984 to support the communities where we live and work. Since then, more than \$6 million has been awarded through grants, scholarships and matching employee gifts. The programs are varied but primarily benefit children. For more information, visit [www.subaru.com/company/soa-foundation/index.html](http://www.subaru.com/company/soa-foundation/index.html)

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