

Fortunate Blessings Foundation

Helping Children Recover from Hurricane Sandy



Dear Friends,

For the past nine years, the Fortunate Blessings Foundation has mobilized an in-the-field response to natural disasters worldwide. While our focus thus far has been primarily overseas, few could have imagined that the urgent need for our life-restoring work would grow as quickly as it has at home in the U.S., evidenced by climate-related events of the past several years and most recently the destructive impact of Hurricane Sandy.

As 2012 comes to a close, your support has never been more crucial. Please read about our current efforts to respond to Hurricane Sandy's youngest victims on our [home page](#) and click the red Donate tab to help us make a difference. Both larger agencies and community groups continue to provide important emergency supplies, but soon after they leave it is vitally important to focus on the inner landscape of traumatized children. Before rushing to rebuild, we need to help children process this abrupt change through safe, supportive and effective "[play-shops](#)."



You know our work. **We build resilience and restore joy and hope.**

We focus on children who suffer severe trauma after losing family members, friends and homes following catastrophic natural disasters. **We leave behind trained capacity** in communities - those who will be there when we're gone - to implement our research-based protocols that dramatically reduce the onset of P.T.S.D.

The urgency of our reach is profound. In the past, we have often been the first highly skilled international mental health team to enter disaster areas where previously there was no such response. Even with other agencies present, **we educate their staff and volunteers** so that they are better able to provide skilled emotional support while they are in the field.

The fact is that your gift - and our impact - stretches beyond any immediate crisis to which we are responding. As you'll see in the following link to a past Huffington Post article of ours, we make a concerted effort to [articulate the need for essential emotional recovery](#) following the emergency response that larger, institutional agencies provide.

Your year-end gift benefits our most precious resource, our children and all future generations. **Please make this long-term investment with us** and join us in making a difference - [every amount helps](#).

With Gratitude,

William Spear
President and Founder
Fortunate Blessings Foundation

P.S. If you prefer to send a check, please note our new business address - 409 Bantam Road Suite A-3, Litchfield, CT 06759. We moved our offices just last week and welcome your visit - our phone number remains unchanged: +1 (860) 567-8801.

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