

Shapiro Supports Hurricane Sandy Victims through New York's City Harvest

Samuel Shapiro & Company, Inc., a 97-year old logistics provider, supports City Harvest, a New York based charity, in its efforts to provide food to victims of Hurricane Sandy.

City Harvest, founded in 1982, assumes the mission to end hunger in communities throughout New York City through food rescue and distribution, education, and other practical, innovative solutions. City Harvest collects high-quality surplus food, roughly 115,000 pounds daily, from restaurants, Greenmarkets, wholesalers, grocers, farmers, and manufacturers, redistributing it to a network of nearly 600 community food programs. Their financial support comes almost entirely from individuals, private foundations, and corporations. City Harvest is also working to help meet the needs of Hurricane Sandy victims. In addition to daily deliveries to soup kitchens and food pantries across the five boroughs, City Harvest has been making emergency food drop-offs to Staten Island, Coney Island and Red Hook in Brooklyn, Breezy Point and Rockaway in Queens, and Manhattan.

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Shapiro has been providing holiday donations on behalf of its customers, in lieu of traditional gifts, for the past 4 years. Before 2012, the company supported St. Jude's hospital, through its holiday card program, in their mission to advance cures, and means of prevention, for pediatric catastrophic diseases through research and treatment. This year, due to the tragedy and impact of Hurricane Sandy, the company was compelled to support City Harvest in its efforts. The disaster struck close to home for the international business industry with the most damage and delay at popular New York/Newark ports and airports, where Shapiro also happens to operate one of its branches.

Samuel Shapiro & Company, Inc. has been involved in philanthropic work since its early beginnings and incorporates charitable activities throughout the year. In November, the company's Baltimore office collected and donated 26 food boxes weighing a total of 623 pounds, in addition to a monetary donation, to the Maryland Food Bank, an affiliate of Feeding America. Shapiro is also currently expanding their philanthropic work with the creation of a Humanitarian Services Committee focused on providing Customhouse brokerage and freight forwarding services to charitable institutions.

"Giving back to the community is one of our corporate values," said Margie Shapiro, President & CEO, Samuel Shapiro & Company, Inc. "This initiative not only makes a direct impact in our community but also honors our customers, who have always supported our strong sense of duty."

For more information on City Harvest, visit <http://www.cityharvest.org>

Samuel Shapiro & Company, Inc. has been serving the international trade community since 1915. It was founded in Baltimore, MD (headquarters) and has branch offices in Charleston, SC; Dulles, VA; Philadelphia, PA; Atlanta, GA; and Rosedale, NY. Its corporate mission is **"We Deliver. Problem Solved.™"**