

Kars 4 Kids, in Cooperation with Congressman Michael Grimm and 20 Local Charities, to Hold Hurricane Sandy Relief Clothing Distribution

With Staten Island awaiting federal financial help, Kars 4 Kids and local charities are stepping in to fill the gap and speed recovery

Staten Island, NY (<u>PRWEB</u>) January 17, 2013 -- Kars 4 Kids, a national <u>car donation</u> charity, Councilmember Debi Rose (D-NY49, a representative from Congressman Michael Grimm's office, and various local churches and non-profits are proud to announce that on Sunday, January 20th they will distribute over 1,000 children's coats and other assorted clothing items to Staten Island residents affected by Hurricane Sandy.

Having been hard hit by one of the worst storms in New York's history and with Congress slow to help, many Staten Island residents are still struggling to recover from Hurricane Sandy. "Though it's been weeks since the storm struck, the people of Staten Island are still suffering and feel neglected," said Kars 4 Kids spokesman Steven Weldler. "Since the storm, we at Kars 4 Kids have been eager to chip in and do our part to help the community rebuild."

As the \$50 billion Hurricane Sandy Disaster Relief Act heads to the Senate, many Staten Island residents are need of immediate and continued assistance. "It is an honor to be able to partner with so many amazing local organizations that are coming together for this event, which we at <u>Kars4Kids</u> have been planning since the storm struck," said Weldler. Another organization Victory Van Lines is also partnering in the distribution. The event is being run together with a number of local partners, including Bruno and Michael Salvo and family and Entertainment In Sound. Celebrity appearances will be made by Big Ang of the popular reality TV series Mob Wives, and Uncle Nino of Jersey Shore.

Other local partners include Movement Church, Church at the Gateway, Third Day Mission Organization, Salem Church, Carl V. Bini, Richmond Plumbing and Heating, Seaside Grill, Yellow Team, Hot Concepts Fireplace and Patio, Angelica Prozak, Country Mouse Children's Clothing Store, Ann Lopa Real estate, the Duval Family, the Bosch Family, the Graziano Family, Fred Cerullo, Sal Caleagno, Aquilon Show Charles Garone, Fashion Delivers, Brooklyn North Garage 2 NYC Dept of Sanitation and Everything Entertainment.

For the latest information about this event and other Kars 4 Kids events, follow Kars 4 Kids on Twitter.

Photos, B-Roll and Interviews Available

WHAT: Over one thousand children's coats will be distributed. In order to ensure that the coats are distributed appropriately to those who are truly in need, storm victims are asked to pre-register at <u>www.kars4kids.org/sandyevent</u> or by calling (718) 219-0061 and to bring their FEMA cards to the event.

WHERE: Old Villa Mara Dealership, located at 2582 Highland Boulevard
WHEN: Sunday, January 20 from 11 am to 4 pm
WHY: With Staten Island in need from federal financial help, Kars 4 Kids and local charities and churches
stepping in to fill the gap for those adversely affected by Hurricane Sandy
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