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## Takin' It to the Streets Provides Sandy Relief

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Takin' It to the Streets Inc. regularly holds outreach events, such as this recent gathering in Shreveport, La.

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Takin' It to the Streets Inc. of Washington, D.C., is coordinating a relief effort called Operation Rescue to provide donated food and clothing to the families in New Jersey that were affected by Superstorm Sandy on Oct. 28 and 29.

Operation Rescue is in partnership with Higher Cause Productions of Alexandria, Va.; Friendship Baptist Church of Garfield, N.J.; and ministry friends in the Washington, D.C., area.

“We are targeting the township of Garfield, N.J., which is approximately within 10 miles west of Newark, N.J.,” said Free Methodist Pastor Ron Hampton, the founder and president of Takin' It to the Streets, a community outreach ministry in Washington, D.C., and Shreveport, La. “The members of Friendship Baptist Church, with Pastor Arthur Bryant, are serving as the host church at a to-be-named distribution point in the city of Garfield.”

“This is a mission in which everyone can participate in donations or financial help,” Hampton said. “We are asking Washington, D.C., area ministries and organizations to donate food and clothing.”

**Donations Needed**

The following items are needed:

- bottled water
- canned goods
- blankets
- coats
- hats
- gloves
- boots
- canned or bottled baby formulas and foods
- disposable baby diapers
- toiletries for all ages.

The outreach and distribution team will depart the D.C. area with the food and clothing donations on Friday, Dec. 7, to travel to Garfield, N.J.. On Saturday, Dec. 8, the team will conduct ministry outreach while also distributing the food and clothing donations to the local resident families.

Donors should contact Hampton at [takinittothestreets.inc@gmail.com](mailto:takinittothestreets.inc@gmail.com) for more information on the donation drop-off locations. For information on making donations and monetary contributions, visit [www.taketostreets.com](http://www.taketostreets.com). All donations and monetary contributions are tax-deductible.

Takin' It to the Streets is an independent, nonprofit organization that provides an evangelistic opportunity for partnership among Christian faith-based churches, ministries and social-economic organizations to minister to the needs of the socioeconomically challenged communities, families and homeless persons.