## Pythians Provide Hurricane Relief



The Pythian <u>Humanitarian Fund</u> of <u>Grand Lodge</u> Domain of New York <u>Knights of Pythias</u> distributed clothing, cleaning supplies and Food (canned

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and dry goods) at MCU Parkin Coney Island, Friday November 16, 2012, announced Grand Chancellor ("GC") Craig Shink. "Our team including Chief Deputy Grand Chancellor (CDGC) Dave Stanger and Deputy Supreme Chancellor (DSC) Allan Greenberg gave out items collected and bought with money collected at Shake-A-Can, Saturday November 10 at Pathmark Supermarket, 2965 Cropsey Ave off the Belt Parkway in Brooklyn.

"The Pythian Relief Effort is a project of <u>The Pythian Humanitarian Fund</u>, added Shink. "We mobilize our Pythian volunteers to help with this effort. Our fellow Pythians know their help is needed and would be greatly appreciated." The Pythian team led by Errol Lewis and Jeffrey Freese



PC Errol Lewis, DSC Allan Greenberg, CDGC David Stanger, NYC Council Member Domenic Recchia(Coney Island) and Jeffrey Freese at MCU Park. (Photo Courtesy of Genesis Lodge #64 Knights of Pythias)

The next day (Saturday, November 17, 2012) Errol Lewis (Past Chancellor Commander, Genesis Lodge #64) and CDGC Stanger posted at Key Food Supermarket, 3rd Avenue and 69th Street in Bay Ridge for "Shake A Can" to collect more donations to benefit those affected by Superstorm Sandy. Lenny Posner and Stuart Teicher also volunteered their time. Also that day Jeffrey Freese and DSC Greenberg and Past Deputy Grand Chancellor Lewis Smith distributed clothing to those in need in Staten Island.



DSC Allan Greenberg at the table at MCU Park giving out items to those in need. (Photo Courtesy of Genesis Lodge #64 Knights of Pythias)

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New York Grand Lodge supports <u>charities</u>, including the <u>Pythian Humanitarian Fund</u>, <u>Diabetes Research Association</u>, <u>Pythian Camp</u>, <u>Dr. Morris Smoller Social Service Fund</u> (which supports health and elder care institutions) and the <u>Special Olympics</u>.

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