



*“Ensuring excellence and changing lives through equine-assisted activities and therapies”*

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## **PATH Intl. Gives Back in Wake of Hurricane Sandy**

**Denver**—Hurricane Sandy devastated the eastern seaboard of the United States in late October and early November 2012, leaving dozens dead, thousands homeless and millions without power. Unfortunately, the buildings of Staten Island Recreation Association, a PATH Intl. Center in New York, were completely destroyed by the superstorm. Luckily, because of past donations made to the PATH Intl. Disaster Relief Fund, PATH Intl. is able to provide the funding to feed and care for the horses of the Staten Island Recreation Association while the center rebuilds this spring.

The PATH Intl. Disaster Relief Fund was established to assist PATH Intl. Centers with an immediate need in funding expenses not normally covered by operating insurance after natural or manmade catastrophic disasters.

Sandy, officially classified as a post tropical cyclone, will end up causing about \$20 billion in property damage and more in lost business, making it one of the costliest natural disasters on record in the United States. PATH Intl. is proud to be part of the relief efforts in service to its member centers.

If you would like to join PATH Intl. in its relief efforts, help [rebuild this fund](#) in order to meet the needs of the next disaster victim. Thank you for your support.

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*About PATH Intl.:*

*Professional Association of Therapeutic Horsemanship International (PATH Intl.), formerly NARHA, was formed in 1969 to promote equine-assisted activities and therapies for individuals with special needs. At more than 850 member centers, more than 54,000 children and adults find a sense of independence through involvement with horses. These member centers range from small, one-person programs to large operations with several certified instructors and licensed therapists. In addition to therapeutic equitation, a center may offer any number of equine-assisted activities including hippotherapy, equine-facilitated mental health, driving, interactive vaulting, trail riding, competition, ground work or stable management. Through a wide variety of educational resources, the association helps individuals start and maintain successful equine-assisted activities and therapies for individuals with special needs. There are more than 45,000 volunteers, 4,300 instructors, 6,300 therapy horses and thousands of contributors from all over the world helping people at PATH Intl. centers.*