

Sandy Long-Term Recovery a Major Theme of Stockton's Contributions to Make a Difference Day

Volunteers Join Largest National Day of Community Service on Oct. 26

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Galloway Township, NJ- The Richard Stockton College of New Jersey will join thousands of organizations nationwide on Saturday, Oct. 26 for Make a Difference Day, the largest national day of community service.

"Make a Difference Day is the second installment of Stockton's Semester of Service," said Diana Strelczyk, Service-Learning program assistant.

The Semester of Service kicked off with Day of Service activities benefiting the City of Atlantic City in September. Now this month the Stockton community will support Superstorm Sandy recovery efforts during on-campus activities and will send volunteers to the Community Food Bank of New Jersey in Egg Harbor Township, Salem United Methodist Church in Pleasantville and the Boys and Girls Club of Atlantic City.

Stockton's Make a Difference Day event will take place on **Saturday**, **Oct. 26**, **2013** with all volunteers meeting in the Campus Center, located on the main Galloway campus, at 9 a.m. Volunteers working on Sandy recovery projects will stay on campus and all others will depart to the three off-campus projects.

All on-campus projects are centered on Sandy long-term recovery and include information, free services and gifts for victims, oral history projects, reflection and non-denominational worship services, yoga and creative art displays. Stockton partnered with the Atlantic County Long-term Recovery Group and the Rev. Juliann Henry, manager of pastoral care for AtlantiCare Regional Medical Center, for these activities.

At the Community Food Bank, volunteers will organize, clean and distribute food. Volunteers

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at the Salem United Methodist Church will help to host the Eastern Service Workers Association (ESWA) Halloween Party and Fundraiser Benefit. The Alpha Lambda Delta (ALD) Honors Fraternity will decorate for the party and has collected costumes for under-privileged children to bring to the event.

"We are happy to have partnered with the Atlantic County Long-Term Recovery Group to continue the Superstorm Sandy rebuilding efforts in our community. The Oct 26th date is just about the one-year anniversary of the storm (which came ashore here Oct. 29th), and there are still a lot of people not back in their own homes. We hope events like this one can continue the rebuilding process and raise awareness that there is a lot of work still to be done," Strelczyk said.

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