



## **Mobile Health Clinics Respond to Hurricane Sandy in NYC & NJ**

*MHCA offers its appreciation to everyone who responded to this devastating event and our heartfelt concern and support for the many people who are challenged with rebuilding their homes and communities. Following are some of the stories we've heard.*

### **November 8, 2012**

"Community Health Centers (throughout NY State) send out fleets of mobile medical vans to serve areas hardest hit by Hurricane Sandy."

Community Health Care Association of New York State

Press Release: [http://www.chcanys.org/clientuploads/2012\\_PDFs/PRESS%20RELEASE/CHCANYS-Mobile\\_Hurricane\\_Response\\_Press\\_Release.pdf](http://www.chcanys.org/clientuploads/2012_PDFs/PRESS%20RELEASE/CHCANYS-Mobile_Hurricane_Response_Press_Release.pdf)

### **November 13, 2012**

"We've been sending our van every day to work in communities (usually housing projects) that still don't have power. Children's Health Fund has been doing the same and so have other NYC (mobile) programs. We're all working with the City Council to determine which sites are in need (of healthcare) and we've given them the roster for the MHCA NYC Mobile Health Clinics Coalition, so we think they've reached out to most organizations with mobiles. From what we can tell, most are deployed."

Anthony Vavasis, MD

MHCA, Chair Board of Directors

Clinical Director, Medical Services

Jen Silverman, PA-C

Director, Mobile Medical Program

Callen-Lorde Community Health Center

### **November 13, 2012**

"Coney Island Hospital was evacuated and we've still no power. As we're not likely to move back into the hospital in the near future, we've established numerous facilities and clinics in order to continue caring for the underserved, which is our primary mission. The hospital has three mobile health vans in use and we are hoping to acquire another; we were relieved to find (MHCA) an organization that could help us."

David Tannenholz

Associate Executive Director

Coney Island Hospital

### **November 13, 2012**

The Greater New York Dental Meeting (GNYDM) is seeking licensed dentists to volunteer with Colgate Bright Smiles, Bright Futures Dental Van staff on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday (Nov. 26-28) from 10am-2pm. Volunteers will work on the Colgate Van performing dental screenings for third and fourth grade public school children. Contact: Jayme McNiff - (212) 398-6922 if you are interested in volunteering.

### **November 13, 2012**

"I've been working with numerous dentists in private practice who are faced with the challenge of how to continue serving their patients while working toward rebuilding their fixed-sites. Our staff is dedicated to assisting in this relief effort and making mobile dental vans available for lease."

Jim Kitch

VP Sales & Marketing

ADI-Mobile Health

### **November 20, 2012**

"Two VSP mobile eyecare clinics have been located in New York and New Jersey since Nov. 20. Free eye exams and eyeglasses are available onboard to residents affected by Superstorm Sandy. Local VSP optometrists whose offices are inoperable due to Sandy are working onboard the clinics as an interim business solution until their practices are back up and running."

Connie Vavricek

Director

VSP Vision Care Industry Outreach

**Has your mobile health clinic provided disaster relief in the NJ or NYC areas impacted by Hurricane Sandy. Send us an email message, photos, press releases, etc that describe the services you are providing. Contact: MHCA - [mobilehealthcare@aol.com](mailto:mobilehealthcare@aol.com)**