

2013 Rick Rescorla Resilience Award Winners

The Department of Homeland Security announced that Monsignor John Brown, Walgreens drugstores and the New York Mets have been awarded the 2013 [Rick Rescorla National Award for Resilience](#), recognizing their contributions to their communities in the aftermath of Hurricane Sandy.

Monsignor John Brown of Belle Harbor, N.Y., Walgreens drugstores and the New York Mets all worked tirelessly to help their communities recover from the storm. Under Monsignor Brown's leadership, St. Francis de Sales Parish became the largest relief center on the Rockaway peninsula, providing hot food, medical care, mental health care, trauma counseling, clothing, cleaning supplies, pet food, veterinary care and more. At the height of the effort it served between 4,000 –and 10,000 people per day.

Walgreens drugstores implemented business continuity plans before the storm made landfall, enabling the company to continue providing for basic human needs. In the aftermath of the storm, Walgreens drugstores quickly dispatched mobile pharmacies and constructed temporary pharmacies, continuing to provide much needed services throughout the region. The company also shipped in 25,000 blankets, three semi-trailer loads of water and other items that governmental organizations were lacking.

The New York Mets, working with the City's Office of Emergency Management, opened their facilities to be used as a Logistics Staging Area for more than three and a half months to receive, stage and distribute unassigned resources prior to or following the storm. The Mets also supported first responders' daily efforts by providing housing for up to 600 workers a night and distributing over 1,500 meals per day during the peak recovery period following the storm.