# Storm Troopers

Recoveries and reflections after Hurricane Sandy

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When Superstorm Sandy made landfall October 29, vulnerable New Yorkers living with HIV—and many of the organizations that serve them—were especially hard hit. But the community pulled through to offer shelter, food, clothing, meds and money where needed. The Ali Forney Center, which serves homeless LGBT youth, and the AIDS residence Bailey-Holt House were flooded (emergency funds have been set up to help). The offices of amfAR, The American Foundation for AIDS Research, sustained damage, displacing the staff. GMHC had to cancel its annual Fashion Forward fundraiser, but it established the Hurricane Relief Forward fund for its clients. Housing Works is donating 20 percent of its Fashion for Action ticket sales to help those with HIV recover from the storm. And after losing power, God's Love We Deliver donated its frozen meals to city emergency relief efforts, but staff still managed to deliver 2,300 "Sandy Bags" of non-perishable foods to clients in all five boroughs.

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