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**Empire City Casino to Serve as Collection Site  
for Donations to Benefit Hurricane Victims**

November 2, 2012 - Empire City Casino will serve as a collection site for donated items for victims of Hurricane Sandy. Donations will be accepted at the main Promotions Booth in the casino on **Saturday, Sunday and Monday, November 3<sup>rd</sup> through 5<sup>th</sup>**. Empire City is collaborating with Mayor Mike Spano of the City of Yonkers and the Aisling Irish Community Center to collect items and deliver them to the hurricane victims.

Requested items include bottled water, non-perishable food items, pet food, new clothing for infants, children and adults, gently used jackets and coats, blankets, new or gently used towels, toiletries, baby diapers of all sizes, socks, black garbage bags, and new or gently used gloves.

“New Yorkers are generous people and when our neighbors are in need, we step up to help,” said **Timothy J. Rooney, Jr.** of Empire City Casino. “This is an easily accessible location and with so many visitors coming to our property every day, we felt this was a great way to encourage donations for our neighbors in need.”

“Our area experienced devastating destruction as a result of ‘Sandy’,” said **Mayor Mike Spano**. “I encourage our residents to recognize those who were left less fortunate and provide assistance to those in need. I applaud Empire City Casino and Aisling Irish Community Center for taking the initiative in recognizing our communities near and far who suffered from this disaster. Our thoughts and prayers are with them.”

“The victims of hurricane Sandy are in dire need right now,” said **Orla Kelleher**, Executive Director of Aisling Irish Community Center, which is collecting and delivering items to those affected by the hurricane. “We will be sending out the first shipment Saturday morning thanks to Liffey Van Lines which donated a truck full of diesel and a driver to quickly transport the items. Aisling Irish Community Center will continue to deliver supplies as long as there are New Yorkers in need and we are extremely grateful to Empire City Casino for once again collaborating with us to help out our fellow New Yorkers during this terrible disaster.”

Empire City Casino at Yonkers Raceway features: 5,300 slot machines, video roulette, electronic craps, and baccarat tables. Italian cuisine is featured in Nonno’s Trattoria, and trackside dining in the Empire Terrace Restaurant, which overlooks the track for live harness racing; a quick bite is available at the International Food Court and its wide-ranging menu. The multi-faceted Good Time Room is available for parties, benefits, weddings, and major events for up to 400. Empire City Casino at Yonkers Raceway is located at 810 Yonkers Avenue (at Central Avenue) in Yonkers, New York, Westchester County, (I-87 to Exit 2). Empire City Casino is open seven days a week from 9:00 AM to 4:00 AM. For more information call 914.968.4200 or log onto [www.empirecitycasino.com](http://www.empirecitycasino.com).

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