As life returned to normal on campus, NYU students reached outward to assist the hundreds of thousands of people in the area seriously impacted by the storm. One of the many events occurred on November 9, when the NYU community filled an NYU trolley with donations of basic necessities. Over 50 bags of coats, hats, clothing, towels, blankets, and toiletries and 50 cases of food were delivered via the purple trolley (and with NYU community pride) to three agencies on the Lower East Side. This was just one of many ongoing hurricane relief efforts that continue to be organized by NYU’s Office of Civic Engagement.

When Superstorm Sandy, the largest Atlantic hurricane ever recorded, swept through New York City on October 29, NYU was in the blackout area of Manhattan for nearly a week. But the community banded together, creating a safe environment for students in some key buildings powered by the University’s own cogeneration plant.