

*"What we do for ourselves  
dies with us. What we do  
for others and the world  
remains and is immortal."*

*Albert Pine*

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# UM LI Sandy Recovery Ministry

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**The Recovery Ministry team wishes  
everyone a blessed New Year!**

## Meet the Staff



Peggy, Elizabeth, Stephania,  
and Rita

The Massapequa Hurricane Sandy Recovery office is headed by our Site Coordinator, Peggy Racine. Her staff includes Elizabeth Wheeler, Barbara Garofolo, and Rita Coughlin. Elizabeth is a top notch receptionist who has worked in the field for many years. She is a caring person, handling phone calls with great efficiency and a caring touch for distressed homeowners.

Barbara Garofolo (not pictured) maintains all the homeowner records, such as contact information, phone calls, address, work progress, and all other documentation needed for each case handled.

Stephania Petit is our Client Disaster Advocate. This young lady joined our staff as a highly trained disaster case manager, who is the initial contact person for all cases. After visiting the homeowners, she reviews the homeowner's financials, as well as determining what kind of help is needed, and to what extent.

Rita Coughlin had a career working with

computers in many different capacities. She creates many of the forms used in our work; and does the necessary reports for keeping an office running. Oh, yes – she also puts out this monthly newsletter...

And we can't forget our office manager and Site Coordinator, Peggy Racine. Peggy has been with us from the very beginning of the Hurricane Sandy relief and recovery efforts. She is responsible for coordinating volunteers and staff, overseeing all L.I. operations, and keeping all these people happy. All in all, she has created a well oiled and efficient group of workers.

## A Merry Christmas for a Lindenhurst Homeowner



**Cathy Boyle**

The first floor of Mrs. Boyle's house was flooded when Hurricane Sandy hit Long

Island. Since then, she has had walls replaced, and the house was raised for future safety.

Community United Methodist Church of Massapequa adopted the Boyle family for Christmas. Thanks to the generosity of church members, gifts were donated to the family. There are three children between the ages

of 15 and 18, including one autistic son. They received hoodies, CDs, pajamas, and gift cards, among other things.

Cathy Boyle was all smiles when our C.D.A. Stephania Petit delivered the presents. Best of all, the family expects to be able to move back into their house this holiday season.