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"Start by doing what is necessary, then what is possible, and suddenly you are doing the impossible."

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Meet the Disaster Hero



This free game was developed by the American College of Emergency Physicians and Legacy Games and was funded by a grant from the Department of Homeland

Playing the Game:

You can sign in with a name and chose a password; or you can play as a Guest. No log-in is required for Guests, but then you cannot save your game progress.

After the program loads, you may chose your options: subtitles, voices, or both; and create your hero. Now you are ready to play the game.

There are 3 levels of difficulty for beginners, players with some gaming experience, and older or experienced gamers.

The story opens with a

Security. It is designed to give children the security of knowing what to do to stay safe before, during and after an emergency such as a hurricane, earthquake or flood. Kids of all ages (8 to 80) will be able to learn the basics for safety.

Topics covered include emergency planning and common hazards encountered after a natural disaster. It is available at www.disasterhero.com.



disaster hero who opens a training center for disaster response.

You must now choose your opponent:

Tectonic - Earthquake
Tempest - Hurricane
Whirlwind - Tornado
Dr. Deluge - Flood

The game starts with flying thru space, trying to

hit Portals by flying into them. After each 3 correct portals are collected, there is a multiple choice question to answer.

After all the questions are answered, you receive your score and medals are awarded.

There are about 11 segments that can be played.

This is an excellent game that churches and pastors should recommend to all their families and the community for all children to enjoy and learn basic safety procedures.



Decorator Madness

The Fabric Mill of Plainview, NY recently came to the Sandy Recovery Center with a proposal: they would redo a room for a Hurricane Sandy victim.

“Decorator Madness” is their way of giving back and helping a family chosen by the LI Volunteer Center and United Methodist LI Sandy Recovery Ministry located in Massapequa. The

room will be brought back to life in style, using the services of a professional decorator. Designers will be competing to win the honor of being chosen to redo the room

The Fabric Mill has teamed with top home furnishing brands such as Safavieh, Hunter Douglas, Peykar Rugs, Elements Distinctive Lighting, C & S Marble and Granite, Thomasville and Hallman

Furniture, as well as Sherwin Williams and Strokes of Creativity.

The winning designer will be donating their time and talents, and all furnishings to be provided will also be free of charge to the homeowner.

Stay tuned to this newsletter for before and after pictures once the homeowner, the designer, and crews have created a finished room!

“Decorator Madness” is The Fabric Mill’s way of giving back and helping a Sandy survivor family.

Restoring People

When a disaster such as Hurricane Sandy hits, more than homes and buildings are destroyed. Residents of the affected areas suffer as much as their homes do, losing possessions, memories, and their faith and security in life.

The New York Annual Conference, along with UMCOR, is putting together a Disaster Spiritual and Emotional Care program to help those affected by current and future disasters that

hit our communities.

We are extremely fortunate to have Rev. Wendy Vencus leading this program. She has years of experience as a pastor, and in working with mission and disaster response in Haiti for three years. Along with her husband, Rev. Tom Vencus, she served as NYAC Task Force Coordinator for ‘Mountains of Hope for Haiti’ since 2004. Before Pastoral Ministry, Wendy was a Special Education teacher

and served as Minister of Pastoral Care, Christian Education Director, and Nursery School Director. She attended the Upper Room Spiritual Formation Academies and has participated in five years of Gestalt Pastoral Care Training. Wendy’s ability to serve is a blessing for our conference and this ministry.

Wendy has been working with many of our distressed homeowners, and is a calming influence for them.



Rev Wendy Vencus

Volunteers are Still Essential !

It has been a year and a half since Super Storm Sandy raged through our area – and there are still homes that require restoration.

Teams of workers are still

needed who can assist with rebuilding, replacing, and repainting

If your church, school, or other organization is seeking a way to help this summer or fall, contact us

via email or online at <http://www.nyac.com/recovery> .

For further information, you can also call us at 516-795-1322.