METROFOCUS TARGETS HURRICANE RELIEF EFFORTS NOVEMBER 8, 2012 ON WLIW21, NJTV AND THIRTEEN

In the wake of Sandy’s wrath, the latest storm updates from both sides of the Hudson

NEW YORK (November 7, 2012) – It’s all about surviving Sandy when MetroFocus airs Thursday, November 8 at 8p.m. p.m. on WLIW21 and NJTV, and at 8:30p.m. on THIRTEEN.

MetroFocus continues its coverage of Hurricane Sandy’s aftermath in New York City, Long Island, and New Jersey focusing on how the hard hit region is coping and moving forward with recovery efforts. Featured interviews include Sheena Wright, CEO and President of the United Way of NYC; and William Solecki, Director, CUNY Institute for Sustainable Cities.

Host Rafael Pi Roman goes to the devastated Rockaways to report on how residents, severely impacted by the storm, are dealing with the prolonged power outage, the loss or major damage to their homes, transportation, schools, businesses etc.

Jim Paymar, host of Long Island Business Report, focuses on Long Beach and how the Long Island community is trying to overcome its own set of challenges more than a week after Sandy. There will also be the latest from the news team at NJTV’s nightly news broadcast NJ Today and from NJ Today managing editor Mike Schneider who interviews NJ Transit spokesman John Durso on rebuilding the region’s transportation system.

After broadcast, the program will be available to national audiences on metrofocus.org with integrated online stories and extended conversations with headliners making an impact in New York and beyond. MetroFocus returns next week with another update on the region’s recovery efforts.

MetroFocus is a production of WLIW21 in association with WNET, parent company of THIRTEEN and WLIW21. For 50 years, THIRTEEN has been making the most of the rich resources and passionate people of New York and the world, reaching millions of people with on-air and online programming that celebrates arts and culture, offers insightful commentary on the news of the day, explores the worlds of science and nature, and invites students of all ages to have fun while learning.
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About MetroFocus

*MetroFocus* is a multi-platform news magazine focusing on the New York region. The *MetroFocus* television program features interviews, in-depth reporting, content from many partners and solutions-oriented reports from the community. Major areas of coverage include sustainability, education, science and technology, the environment, transportation, poverty and underserved communities. [MetroFocus.org](http://MetroFocus.org) amplifies that reporting with daily updates and original stories that also cover culture, government and politics, the economy, urban development and other news in the metropolitan region. More information at: [thirteen.org/metrofocus/about-us-faq/](http://thirteen.org/metrofocus/about-us-faq/)

About WNET

In 2012, WNET is celebrating the 50th Anniversary of THIRTEEN, New York’s flagship public media provider. As the parent company of THIRTEEN and WLIW21 and the operator of NJTV, WNET brings quality arts, education and public affairs programming to over 5 million viewers each week. WNET produces and presents such acclaimed PBS series as *Nature*, *Great Performances*, *American Masters*, *Need to Know*, *Charlie Rose* and a range of documentaries, children’s programs, and local news and cultural offerings available on air and online. Pioneers in educational programming, WNET has created such groundbreaking series as *Get the Math*, *Oh Noah!* and *Cyberchase* and provides tools for educators that bring compelling content to life in the classroom and at home. WNET highlights the tri-state’s unique culture and diverse communities through *NYC-ARTS*, *Reel 13*, *NJ Today* and, *MetroFocus*, the multi-platform news magazine focusing on the New York region.