

## *Residents asked to donate to food, clothing drives for hurricane relief*

**By Maciej Wroblewski**  
Beginning this week and continuing through October 1, residents of Gramercy Park and surrounding neighborhoods are invited to participate in the Neighbors Helping Neighbors Hurricane Katrina Relief Effort or-

ganized by the Gramercy Park Block Association. Residents who wish to donate clothing and other items along with notes of hope and encouragement for their neighbors in Louisiana and Mississippi may do so on Mondays, Tuesdays and Wednes-

days from 10:00 – 12:00 p.m. at the Calvary Church Parish House at 61 Gramercy Park North. Donated clothing should be clean, gently used or new, and appropriate for an area with climate that is very hot this time of year.

Neighbors are asked not to include perishable food or breakable items and to pack their donations into boxes or lidded plastic bins ready to be shipped with an attached itemized list of contents attached on the outside. Suggested home prod-

ucts include bed linens, blankets, towels, hygiene products, laundry supplies, Band-Aids, aspirin, Neosporin, plastic plates, paper napkins, cold/hot drinking cups, plastic flatware, Tupperware, small alarms clocks and batteries.

Suggested items for women include both casual and business clothes, shoes, hats, scarves, socks and panty hose, new undergarments, nightwear, handbags and tote bags, etc. Suggested items for men include casual and business clothes, ties, socks, shoes, underwear, belts, etc.

Items for children may include all types of clothing of all sizes, pajamas, underwear, shoes, boots, crib bedding, crib blankets, diapers, baby wash, wipes and lotions, pads, crayons, pencils, markers, small toys, educational toys, books and backpacks.

Parents can also encourage their children to personalize a package of their own by enclosing a note or a drawing.

Those who wish to donate money should make checks payable to Neighbors Helping Neighbors and mail them to: The Gramercy Park

Block Association, 23 Gramercy Park South, New York, NY 10003.

For more information, call Arlene S. Harrison at (212) 260-3875.

Send an email to [arlenesharrison@yahoo.com](mailto:arlenesharrison@yahoo.com) to subscribe for email updates on the relief effort and other events in the neighborhood.