



## **Abruzzo Quake. Italian Americans Move to Aid**

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Italian-American and Italian institutions, organizations and associations in the United States are mobilizing to offer concrete support to the survivors of the earthquake that hit the Abruzzo Region last Monday. Find out how you can contribute to this cause



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For [info click here](#)

The following is a list of public and private entities involved in the relief effort, beginning with those located in the North-Eastern Region of the United States. All interested parties in the U.S. are invited to send us their data and relevant information. We shall update this list daily in consultation with the Consulate General of Italy in New York.

The Editors

**Italian Consulate in New York.** Following the Earthquake which struck the Abruzzo region of Italy, the Italian Department of Civil Protection has immediately put into action the first response plan for victims. Anyone interested in receiving news on the victims may contact the Italian Department of Civil Protection as follows: +39 06 68201 or +39 06 6820 3229 or by email: [salaoperativa@protezionecivile.it](mailto:salaoperativa@protezionecivile.it) Any new information concerning aid to the population involved will immediately be posted by this Consulate General on this website.

**Italian Red Cross, Donations:**

Bank Account n' 218020/Banca Nazionale del Lavoro-Roma Bissolati Branch-Tesoreria-Via San Nicola da Tolentino 67,Roma.

Addressed to:  
Croce Rossa Italiana

Via Toscana, 12 - 00187, Rome.  
IBAN CODE: IT66 - C010 0503 3820 0000 0218020

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Giro Account n. 300004 addressed to:  
Croce Rossa Italiana,

via Toscana 12 - 00187 Roma  
IBAN CODE: IT24 - X076 0103 2000 0000 0300 004

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It is also possible to make donations on the [Croce Rossa's website](#) [2]



**Brooklyn Borough President Marty Markowitz, A fund for Italian victims:** On Wednesday, April 8, Brooklyn Borough President Marty Markowitz was joined by members of the Italian-American community and elected officials to announce the creation of a fund to assist Italy earthquake victims and their families, as well as to express their solidarity with the people of Italy.

“The devastating news coming out of Italy hits us especially hard in Brooklyn, where our vibrant Italian-American community is mourning the souls lost in the earthquake and praying for the tens of thousands of residents left injured or homeless,” says BP Markowitz. “I am proud to say that Brooklynites have always responded to those in crisis around the globe by opening up their hearts and wallets, so I urge them—and all New Yorkers—to contribute to earthquake relief efforts in any way possible. My office has also spoken to the Italian Consul General in New York to offer our condolences and a helping hand as we come together to help Italy recover and rebuild from this terrible disaster.”

For more info contact: Mark Zustovich 718-802-3830; [mzustovich@brooklynbp.nyc.gov](mailto:mzustovich@brooklynbp.nyc.gov)

**National Federation of Italian American Societies, Inc, Earthquake Relief Fund:** The Italian American Societies, Inc. is a non-profit, charitable organization.

Donations should be sent to the National Federation of Italian-American Societies, Inc., 6510 20th Avenue, Brooklyn, NY 11204.

**Columbus Foundation, Earthquake Relief Fund:** The Columbus Foundation has asked its members to donate a thousand dollars or more to ease the sufferings of the victims of the earthquake in Abruzzo.

For more information, please contact: Susan E. Plant, (212) 249-9923

**NIAF, Abruzzo Relief Fund:** The National Italian American Foundation (NIAF) has established a special NIAF/Abruzzo Relief Fund to help the victims and their families who perished from the recent earthquake in the town of L’Aquila and other small towns in central Italy in the region of Abruzzo. Many members of the NIAF Board of Directors including Gabriel A. Battista, John F. Calvelli, Arthur J. Furia, Esq. and Anthony A. Marnell II trace their heritage to the region of Abruzzo. The ancestors of the Honorable Pat Tiberi of Ohio, who serves as co-chair of the Italian American Congressional Delegation of the 111th United States Congress, emigrated from the Abruzzo region to the United States.

Every dollar contributed will go directly to the victims.

Donations online: Individuals, corporations and foundations who wish to donate to the NIAF/Abruzzo Relief Fund can make their donations using the secure form on the [foundation's website](#) [3]

By Check and Mail: Donations can be made by check payable to the NIAF/Abruzzo Relief Fund.

Mail to:

NIAF/ Abruzzo Relief Fund

The National Italian American Foundation

1860 19th Street NW



Washington, DC 20009

**UNICO, Disaster Relief Fund:** UNICO has set up a Disaster Relief Fund to accept donations to help those affected by the earthquake that struck the town of L'Aquila and surrounding towns located in the Abruzzo region of Italy.

President Kathleen Strozza said, "UNICO National extends its heartfelt sympathy to those who lost relatives and the thousands who have been left homeless by the Abruzzo Earthquake.

Our thoughts and prayers go out to them."

If you would like to donate, please send your tax deductible donation payable to:

"UNICO Foundation, Earmarked Disaster Relief Fund"

And mail to:  
271 U.S. Highway 46 West

Suite A-108

Fairfield, NJ 07004.

For further information, please contact Sal Benvenuti, Executive Administrator at 1-800-877-1492 or at [unico@unico.org](mailto:unico@unico.org). [Visit our website](#) [4]

**Federation of Italian American Organizations of Queens, Abruzzo Relief Fund:**

The borough of Queens has over 2000 Abruzzeses in residents. The Federation of Italian American Organizations of Queens has in effect a relief fund established for this region and working with the Italian Consulate.

For more information, contact:  
Angie Markham, Executive Director

Federation of Italian American Organizations of Queens, Inc.

718-204-2444

**Fundraising Concert "Una canzone per l'Abruzzo" (A Song for Abruzzo):** All the singers will perform for free to help collecting funds to help the survivors of the earthquake. The event is organized by Associazione Culturale Italiana (Italian Cultural Association) of New York in collaboration with COM.IT.ES., N.Y. & CT

Location:  
Christ the King High School

68-02 Metropolitan Ave. Middle Village, Queens New York  
Date: 5/10/2009, 5 pm

For more information:



TONY DI PIAZZA 718 821-3582

TONY MULE' 718 366-9577

SAL DE CASTRO 917 568-3336

FILADELFIA - ON. SALVATORE FERRIGNO 215-485-0789

CONNECTICUT QUINTINO CIANFAGLIONE 860-798-2860

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SILVER SPONSOR:250\$

SPONSOR:100\$

Free entrance

**Abruzzo Earthquake Benefit Concert:** With organizing a Benefit Concert Italian singer Giada Valenti would like to use her talent to help the victims of the earthquake in Abruzzo Italy. She will perform Sunday May 3rd at 5 PM at the Little Theatre at St. John's University in Queens, NY, her new show "Tribute To Love". Giada also will donate 50% of the revenue of the sales of her new CD "And I Love You So" .

Because of her initiative of organizing this Benefit Concert she is approached by several other Italian American organizations to do events in Long Island, Connecticut and New Jersey.

Show charge is \$20 for a regular ticket, and \$35 for premium seating, which includes a reception following the performance.

The Abuzzo Earthquake Benefit Concert is organized together with the Italian Heritage & Culture Committee - NY, Inc. and the Italian Cultural Center of St. John's University Scholarship Program.

LOCATION: LITTLE THEATRE AT ST. JOHN'S UNIVERSITY

8000 Utopia Parkway, Queens, NY 11439

(free parking!)

TICKET: \$20 (regular seating)

\$35 (premium seating, includes reception following the show)

For more information, contact:

Perla Entertainment - [jj@perlaentertainment.com](mailto:jj@perlaentertainment.com) - (917) 478 4217

**Abruzzi Disaster Relief Fund:** Mario Daniele, Honorary Vice Consul of Italy, has established the Abruzzi Disaster Relief Fund. The report of over



"I am urging everyone who is able, especially those Italian-American and Italian-Canadian citizens, to support this effort. 100% of every dollar raised will be given directly to families most in need. The recipients will be selected based on level of need and by local emergency responders in the area" says Mario Daniele.

Checks can be made payable to "Abruzzi Disaster Relief Fund" and sent to:

Abruzzi Disaster Relief Fund

2740 Monroe Avenue

Rochester, NY 14618

To donate via credit or debit card, call 585-271-1111

For more information, e-mail Mario Daniele at: [floradaniele@yahoo.com](mailto:floradaniele@yahoo.com)

2740 Monroe Avenue, Rochester, NY 14618 &#150; Phone (585) 271-1111 Fax (585) 271-3750

### **OSIA-Sons of Italy Foundation, L'Aquila Earthquake Relief Fund:**

The Sons of Italy Foundation (SIF) has created an Emergency Relief Fund to aid the victims of the devastating earthquake. The SIF will be working directly with the Embassy of Italy to direct funds to emergency relief and recovery as requested by the Italian Government. To support relief efforts, please make a donation to the SIF's L'Aquila Earthquake Relief Fund. Donations may be made online, by mail, or by calling the SIF National Office at 202.547.2900

[Donate Online Now: The Quickest Way to Make an Impact](#) [5]

(Donations made online will be acknowledged by email)

To make a donation by mail, please make checks payable to the Sons of Italy Foundation,

earmarked L'Aquila Earthquake Relief, and send to:

The Sons of Italy Foundation

219 E Street, NE

Washington, DC 20002

For more information, please contact:

Giovanni Fratta, Tel: (718) 892 - 6262 / (646) 261 - 8614

or visit [OSIA'S website](#) [6]

**New York Grand Lodge Foundation, Inc, Italian Earthquake Disaster Relief Fund:** As in past crises, the New York Grand Lodge, Order Sons of Italy in America will be accepting monetary contributions to assist Italians in a time of great need. Send all donation checks to the New York Grand Lodge, 2101 Bellmore Avenue, Bellmore, NY 11710. All checks must be made payable to the NY Grand Lodge Foundation... earmarked Italian Earthquake Disaster Relief Fund. These funds will be forwarded to the appropriate international relief authorities in Italy.

For more information, please call the Grand Lodge Office at 516-785-4623.

Coccia Foundation, L'Aquila Earthquake Disaster Relief Found: To make your donation to assist L'Aquila earthquake victims, please make your check payable to the [Coccia Foundation](#) [7] and mail



it to their main office:  
Coccia Foundation  
23 Leswing Avenue  
Saddle Brook, NJ 07663

**Commissione Giovani, L'Aquila Relief Effort Event:** Commissio



ne Giovani New York, Commissione Giovani New Jersey, in collaboration with "[The Sunday](#) [8]" and [Cipriani](#). [9] invite the community to join them on Thursday night, April 9th, as they raise funds to help the survivors recover and begin to rebuild their lives.

Location:

Club 55 at Cipriani 55 Wall Street  
New York, NY, 10005

Date and Time:

Thursday, April 09, 2009 from 07:00pm to 10:30pm

Admission:

\$25.00 minimum donation

Cipriani will offer drinks and hors d'oeuvres throughout the evening in its new Club 55 to all those making the minimum contribution

All proceeds from this event will benefit the victims of this terrible earthquake.

For further information contact [commissione\\_giovani\\_usa@yahoo.com](mailto:commissione_giovani_usa@yahoo.com) [10]



### **Italian Hospital Society, Earthquake Relief**

**Fund:** The Italian Hospital Society is accepting funds to aid the thousands of victims of the earthquake in Italy. Hundreds lost their lives and many thousands of people were left homeless when the earthquake struck. Donations for Earth Quake Relief Fund can be sent to

Italian Hospital Society

955 Yonkers Avenue, Suite 11,

Yonkers, NY 10704

The Italian Hospital Society is a 501c3 not-for-profit corporation established in 1937. Donations are tax deductible as permitted by law.

CONTACT: Kathleen Gallagher, executive assistant, IHS, Tel. 914-776-2778

**Italian American Museum Earthquake Relief Fund 2009:** The [Italian-American Museum in Little Italy](#) [11] is helping raise money for the victims of Monday's deadly earthquake in central Italy that killed dozens and left thousands homeless.

Donations can be made by credit card by calling the museum (212) 965-9000

Checks should be made out to the "Italian American Museum Earthquake Relief Fund 2009" They can be dropped off or mailed to the museum at:  
Italian-American Museum

155 Mulberry St.

New York, NY 10013

Person of reference: Joseph V. Scelsa

### **Bank Accounts Activated by the Regione Abruzzo and the National Emergency Services:**

The Italian Ministry of Foreign Affairs has forwarded the details of three bank accounts activated by the Regione Abruzzo and the Protezione Civile (National Emergency Services), to be provided to those who wish to make a donation in favour of the people affected by the earthquake in Abruzzo. The donation can be made in the form of a direct bank deposit.

1) IBAN: IT69L0300215300000410000000

SWIFT CODE: BROMITR1775





ADDRESSED TO: REGIONE ABRUZZO - DONAZIONE PER IL SISMA  
UNICREDIT BANCA DI ROMA  
Agenzia di Teramo 00775 Martiri della Liberta'

2) IBAN: IT72U0300205207000401124180  
SWIFT CODE: BROMITR1708  
ADDRESSED TO: PROTEZIONE CIVILE NAZIONALE - EMERGENZA TERREMOTO L'AQUILA  
UNICREDIT BANCA DI ROMA  
Agenzia di Roma Cavour B

3) IBAN: IT23X0306905039100000000140  
SWIFT CODE: BCITITMM  
ADDRESSED TO: PROTEZIONE CIVILE NAZIONALE - EMERGENZA TERREMOTO L'AQUILA  
INTESA SAN PAOLO  
Filiale di Roma 06787

The following organizations are also organizing fundraising events and initiatives. For more info please contact the persons of reference:

**Associazione Siciliani Uniti di New York**

Person of reference: Giuseppe Maggiore

Tel: (718) 256 - 1486 / (917) 755 - 3705

**Columbian Lawyers Association**

Person of reference: Louis Aidala

Tel: (212) 750 - 9700

Email: [lraidala@aol.com](mailto:lraidala@aol.com)

**Federazione Associazioni Italiane di Brooklyn**

Person of reference: Mr. Spatola/Mairilena Caruso

Tel: (718)204-2444

**FIAO of Queens**

Person of reference: Angie Markham, Joseph Di Pietro, Jerry Iannece

Tel: (718)204-2444

**National Council Columbia Association in Civil Service**

Person of reference: Joseph Guagliardo

Email: [guagliardo@optonline.net](mailto:guagliardo@optonline.net) [12]

**National Federation of Italian-American Societies, Inc.**

Person of reference: Arnaldo A. Ferraro

Email: [arnaldofer@msn.com](mailto:arnaldofer@msn.com)

**New York Blood Center**

Person of Reference: Maria S. Albano



Email: [sualba@hotmail.com](mailto:sualba@hotmail.com)

**New York Fire Dept.**

Person of reference: Vincent A. Tummino

Tel: (917)757-6022

**New York Police Department**

Person of reference: Emanuele Rossi

Tel: (718) 292 - 5853

**Diocese of Brooklyn**

Person of reference: Bishop Nicholas Di Marzio

**NOIAW**

Person of reference: Aileen Sirey

Tel: (914)393-4142

**Italian Academy Foundation, Inc.**

Person of reference: Acunto Steve, Vice Consul Onorario

Tel: (914)966-3180 ext. 135

Email: [sa@cinn.com](mailto:sa@cinn.com)

**Italian-American Caucus of the City Council of New York**

Person of reference: Avella Tony, member of the City Council of Queens, New York

Tel: (718)747-2137



### Links

- [1] <http://www.iitaly.org/files/tomba-bianca1239491709jpg>
- [2] <http://www.cri.it/donazioni.html>
- [3] [https://www.niaf.org/relief/Relief\\_info.asp](https://www.niaf.org/relief/Relief_info.asp)
- [4] <http://www.unico.org>
- [5] [http://rs6.net/tn.jsp?et=1102541881529&s=209&e=001d2vijKirX4TBYEBrd\\_vXoIOBfPV\\_L\\_wB5mn9GDAmzgjD\\_NRO7UKCZak5sK88O4haawGBXPL-ri2RbB0Ga6n6M0JWko8B4ikkf89cBWORb9KPIIR29Q2SQ-qqdcaaTMO\\_QpPwlrYcoh0v2Ra329QZ5VA==](http://rs6.net/tn.jsp?et=1102541881529&s=209&e=001d2vijKirX4TBYEBrd_vXoIOBfPV_L_wB5mn9GDAmzgjD_NRO7UKCZak5sK88O4haawGBXPL-ri2RbB0Ga6n6M0JWko8B4ikkf89cBWORb9KPIIR29Q2SQ-qqdcaaTMO_QpPwlrYcoh0v2Ra329QZ5VA==)
- [6] <http://www.nysosia.org/>
- [7] <http://www.cocciafoundation.org>
- [8] <http://www.grazianocasale.com>
- [9] <http://www.cipriani.com>
- [10] [mailto:commissione\\_giovani\\_usa@yahoo.com](mailto:commissione_giovani_usa@yahoo.com)
- [11] <http://www.italianamericanmuseum.org>
- [12] <mailto:guagliardo@optonline.net>