Following the days of Sandy, a diverse coalition of local community and business organizations held a founding meeting on post-Sandy Rebuilding and formed a partnership titled Friends of Long Island: Communities Helping Communities post-Sandy. More than 500 days after the storm, many south shore neighborhoods, residents and businesses need all forms of assistance. The goal of these groups is to ensure public and private resources make it directly to local communities, and has pledged to raise $500,000 to this end.

Although many have put together the pieces, thousands of residents are still displaced, living in subpar conditions, or trying to recover from financial difficulties stemming from this event. Because Friends of Long Island consists of grassroots community groups, we were able to assess the common needs of the group and work towards solutions. For example, as the processes continue to change, we attempt to be a conduit where residents can receive real-time, accurate information guiding them to the best direction for their situation.

Additional, many of the organizations within this coalition since the storm, have ripped out over 300 homes and are in the process of rebuilding over 25 homes. Friends of Long Island members throughout the island continue to rip out or “gut”, partially rebuild, or fully rebuild. The bulk of this work has been done by 500+ volunteers and donated building materials and tools. Friends of Long Island proudly announced at the initial founding of the group that they were starting nearly half way to their fundraising goal because of 2 approved grants totaling $165,000 from the Robin Hood Foundation.

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