

A group of teenagers set out to Far Rockaway to learn about the disaster, Hurricane Sandy that hit in October of 2012. We heard stories from people who were affected by the storm as well as stories told by people who helped during that devastating time. The main thing that I took from these stories is to keep sharing what happened, as people tend to forget when they no longer hear about it. Also, we helped re-build homes that were completely destroyed by the storm. It was truly horrifying to see what people had been through. However, when those affected by Sandy spoke to us it was amazing to hear of their resilience. The Jteen Far Rockaway trip taught me that any and every little thing you do can contribute to the larger picture.

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A random act of nature
Devastation as far as one can see

Places of worship, places of business, places to dwell
Previously vibrant and thriving
It is the story of Hurricane Sandy we must tell

No shelter, no power, no food
Far Rockaway once bustling
Now destroyed and crude

Innocent lives changed forever
Yet wanting to help those in need
Many people have come together

There is much more help still needed today
To build and restore
Life after Sandy in Far Rockaway

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