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Lacrosse world picks up pieces, lends hand after Sandy

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This is an excerpt from a much longer article on the relief work many college lacrosse teams were doing in the aftermath of Hurricane Sandy.

Wagner coach Matt Poskay spent time surveying the flooding at his family's Jersey Shore house the week after Hurricane Sandy. He said at the time he would gather his team to help out the efforts — the damage he called unbelievable in person — and late last week the Wagner players did just that.

The team spent time volunteering at a distribution center on Staten Island at New Dorp High School. Staten Island is home to Wagner and the area of some of the worst damage.

While there, the athletes worked in various capacities. Some worked in the distribution tent, some helped victims sift through donated items ranging from toiletries to clothes; some worked with the NYPD loading and unloading donation trucks, as well as helping to carry some of the heavier products to the cars of victims. Some players loaded their cars up with emergency donations such as MRE's, cases of water, and gatorade, and were dispatched to the areas of Staten Island that sustained the worst damage from the storm to help deliver aid.

Overall, it was a very humbling experience for the players and staff. We were glad to have had the opportunity to help those in need and will continue to do what we can to help the borough of Staten Island recover, the team wrote to IL.