

It is difficult to predict when devastating weather or catastrophic conditions will hit. Hurricanes, flash floods, blizzards, arctic blasts, straight line winds, astounding heat. Our state has experienced more extreme weather than many can remember in recent history. New Jersey residents watch helplessly as weather conditions worsen and devastate their communities. On top of extreme weather, COVID-19 has added a stressor to all of our lives.

Imagine you experience a power outage. Have you ever felt it was a life or death emergency?

Now, imagine you or your loved one is an at-risk resident of a Medical Group Home. You or your loved one relies on feeding tubes, regulated temperatures and a CPAP machine to sleep. Perhaps you or your loved one also relies on a stationary oxygen tank to breathe. Your medicine must be refrigerated or it will spoil. There is no easy way to transport you or your loved one. Emergency vehicles cannot reach the residence. The situation is now, very much, life or death.

Luckily, in 2017 and 2018, The Arc Gloucester successfully fundraised and purchased a generator for Clayton House, a Medical Group home for individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities (I/DD). The men in this home rely on the equipment at their home to live and the generator brought security to these individuals and their families. Employees can breathe a sigh of relief knowing they have one less thing to worry about when a storm or sudden catastrophe knocks out power.

A Clayton House resident Joey, pictured here, directly benefits from the security a generator provides. His family rests easy knowing should catastrophic weather arise, his needs will continue to be taken care of with no pause or detrimental change!

Clayton House is not the only home in need of a life-saving generator. The Arc Gloucester provides residential services to many other individuals in Gloucester County—and each one of these residents faces a dire situation should the power go out.

It is for this reason we ask you to consider donating a portion of your paycheck towards the purchase of a life-saving generator. In the event we are struck with a natural disaster, Sedgwick House will be able to continue to utilize essential medical equipment, refrigerate medicine, regulate home temperatures and allow our residents to sleep soundly. The generator will save the lives of the men and women who live at Sedgwick who are reliant on your support and your care.

A generator costs roughly \$15,000, and your support of \$5, \$15 or \$25 dollars per paycheck will immediately help curb the cost of this life-saving equipment.

In this unprecedented time, Americans are banding together to battle Coronavirus and searching for ways to grow as a country; helping those who need it most. You have the power to help The Arc Gloucester continue to provide unprecedented care and support to the men and women at Sedgwick House.

Please consider helping The Arc Gloucester succeed once again in keeping the power on during catastrophic weather/circumstances. You can make a difference in the lives of those with intellectual and developmental disabilities today!