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Re: Responding to Recent Events

We are all reeling from so many tragedies over the past few weeks. We witnessed three hurricanes in a row devastate Texas, Florida, the Caribbean, and Puerto Rico, and a major earthquake severely impact Mexico City. On Monday morning, we woke to the news of the mass shootings in Las Vegas. I struggled to find the words to address the pain that so many of us are feeling in the wake of these events.

The light in the midst of so much loss is the kindness of so many in response to these tragedies. I am grateful to be part of John Jay, a community that repeatedly steps up to help others when they are most in need, and I want to share information about how you can help. I also want to remind you of resources that are available to help those of you who may need support in coping with these tragic events.

- **To Donate or Help:** So many groups and individuals across our campus have stepped up to offer their help in responding to these events. There are many different ways that the John Jay community can help – by donating household items, volunteering, joining an event, or contributing funds. Please visit <https://johnjay.jjay.cuny.edu/unmet-needs/> to learn more about ways you can help.
- **For Free Counseling and Support:** We will do all we can to provide support to members of our community as they cope with this news. We encourage **students** to contact the College's Wellness Center at (212) 237-8111 (L.68), and **faculty and staff** to contact the Employee Assistance Program (CUNY Worklife/Deer Oaks) at <http://legacy.deeroaks.com/pages.asp?id=4>.

Thank you for your willingness to give when others need you the most.

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