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First Columbia helps storm victims



Employees from Blue Shield of Northeastern New York donate much needed personal hygiene items to First Columbia Property Services Administrator Laura Perrin during the company's annual tenant appreciation lunch Monday, Sept. 12 at Century Hill Plaza in Latham. The drive, which was coordinated by the commercial real estate development and investment company in partnership with the United Way of the Greater Capital Region, resulted in more than 25 boxes of blankets and sheets, new clothes, personal hygiene products, rubber gloves, bottled water and cleaning supplies being collected for distribution to flood victims of Tropical Storm Irene in Schoharie County. "We had requests from a number of companies working here that wanted to do their part to help those affected by the recent floods," said First Columbia Vice President Mark Bette. "By having a donation vehicle on-site today we were able pool together supplies needed most in the recovery effort." ABOVE RIGHT: James Veltman, quality coach at Blue Shield of Northeastern New York, donates cleaning supplies to First Columbia Property Services Administrator Laura Perrin during the company's annual tenant appreciation lunch Monday, Sept. 12 at Century Hill Plaza in Latham.

Submitted photos by Edward Parham