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Fund set up for survivors and families of I-35W bridge disaster



Jeremy Hernandez, Waite House's gym coordinator, who helped rescue students from the bus. (Photo from New York Times)

A fund has been set up for children from the [Waite House](#) summer program in Phillips who survived the 35W bridge collapse on Wednesday, August 1st. All the occupants of the bus, which was returning the youth from a field trip at a water park, reached safety in the moments after the disaster.

Images of the bus resting against the bridge's guardrail have become a symbol of

survival and heroism stemming from the tragedy. "The fund will support the students on the bus for what they need in the process of recovery, including medical bills," Francisco Segovia, director of Waite House said. Donations can be made online through at www.puc-mn.org, click on "donate" and select the Waite House Bridge Disaster Fund in the designation section. Donations are also being accepted over the phone by calling toll free 888-642-3040 or by mail to the Pillsbury United Communities, Development Office, 1201 37th Avenue North, Minneapolis, MN 55412. Please specify the *Waite House Bridge Disaster Fund* when mailing in donations.



Friends and co-workers of Artemio Trinidad-

The Hennepin County Medical Examiner has begun to release the names of identified victims. One of them, Artemio Trinidad-Mena, lived and worked in the Ninth Ward. He leaves behind a wife and four children. Coworkers, friends and family have created a public memorial at New York Latin Restaurant, 1304 E Lake Street, where Artemio worked. In addition, U.S. Bank on E. Lake St. is accepting donations for the family so they can bring Artemio's body home to Mexico. The phone number to call for U.S. Bank is (612) 821-6221. Please specify the Artemio Trinidad fund when making donations.

New York Latin Restaurant, 13th Ave S and E Lake St. (Photo from Star Tribune)

For detailed and up to date information about the bridge collapse, including traffic closures and rerouting, visit the [I-35W Bridge Collapse Information page](#) on the City of Minneapolis website. In addition, donations are being accepted by the [City of Minneapolis](#) and the [Twin Cities Red Cross](#).

Tuesday is National Night Out, a time to thank first responders

On Tuesday, August 7th, more than 50,000 Minneapolis residents are expected to participate in [National Night Out](#) block events. "With the events of the past week, National Night Out will mean more than ever this year, as we come together as a community to heal," Council Member Schiff said. To thank first responders to the bridge collapse, including Police, Fire and Sheriff personnel from across the metro area, consider making or signing a card for them at your National Night Out block party. Cards should be forwarded directly to the Minneapolis [Police](#) or [Fire](#) Departments.

In addition, the United Way is asking residents to bring canned goods to their block party to help fight hunger. United Way is requesting nonperishable food items such as canned tuna or ham, peanut butter & jelly, canned tomatoes, cooking oil, rice or dried beans, canned stews, chili & soups. Block clubs are asked to deliver all donations to your local food shelf by Monday, August 13. Call [Katherine Werner](#) at United Way at 612-340-7408 with questions. Call 211 for food shelf locations.

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