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Manhattan Institute and Trustees Donate to New York *Daily News* Hurricane Sandy Relief Fund

Playwright David Mamet Delivers 2012 Wriston Lecture

NEW YORK CITY: At the Manhattan Institute's annual Walter Wriston Lecture dinner, the Manhattan Institute, its Board of Trustees, and its staff started a pledge of more than \$35,000 for victims of Hurricane Sandy. The donations, which the Manhattan Institute gathered to contribute to the New York *Daily News* Sandy Disaster Relief Fund, continued to come in after the announcement was made to an audience of over 300 guests from New York's leading business, media, and philanthropic communities.

"Hurricane Sandy's effects continue to deeply afflict many of our friends and neighbors. The Manhattan Institute's offices and most of its staff were squarely in the path of the storm's destruction. Our deepest condolences go to those who have lost loved ones in this natural disaster," said Manhattan Institute president Lawrence Mone.

"New York is not just a great city, but a city that creates community," said Mortimer B. Zuckerman, chairman and publisher of the New York *Daily News*. "And so, we all try to help out those who need it. Never was this more true than with those who suffered serious damage from Hurricane Sandy. The *Daily News* is honored to have initiated a fund to help out people in our community who have suffered losses. Thank you to the Manhattan Institute and its board for this generous gift."

The Manhattan Institute's 2012 Wriston Lecture was delivered by noted playwright David Mamet. Titled "The One Hoss Shay" after a poem by Oliver Wendell Holmes, it emphasized the importance of maintaining American principles and warned of the rising threats to American exceptionalism.

David Mamet is the author of numerous plays including *Oleanna*, *Glengarry Glen Ross* (1984 Pulitzer Prize and the New York Drama Critics Circle Award), *American Buffalo*, *Speed-the-Plow*, *Boston Marriage*, *November*, *Race*, and *The Anarchist*, opening on Broadway in December. Mamet has written the screenplays for such films as *The Verdict*, *The Untouchables*, and *Wag the Dog*, and has twice been nominated for an Academy Award. He has written and directed 10 films, including *Homicide*, *The Spanish Prisoner*, *State and Main*, *House of Games*, *Spartan*, and *Redbelt*. In addition, Mamet has written the novels *The Village*, *The Old Religion*, *Wilson*, and many books of non-fiction, including the *New York Times* bestseller *The Secret Knowledge: On the Dismantling of American Culture*. He was co-creator and executive producer of the CBS television show *The Unit*, and is a founding member of the Atlantic Theater Company.

In 1987 the Manhattan Institute initiated a lecture series in honor of Walter B. Wriston, banker, author, government advisor, and member of the Manhattan Institute's Board of Trustees. The Wriston Lecture

has since been presented annually in New York City with honorees drawn from the worlds of government, the academy, religion, business, and the arts. In establishing the Lecture, the Trustees of the Manhattan Institute—who serve as the selection committee—have sought to inform and enrich intellectual debate surrounding the great public issues of our day, and to recognize individuals whose ideas or accomplishments have left a mark on their world. Previous honorees include Supreme Court Justices Clarence Thomas and Samuel Alito, economist Niall Ferguson, and historian Robert P. George.

Full video of the event will be available soon on the Manhattan Institute's website, www.manhattan-institute.org.

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