## STAND WITH PUERTO RICO

#### **#SWPR**

A guide to relief and support organizations\*

# **Puerto Rico-Based Organizations:**

# Center for a New Economy

CNE has established 15 emergency distribution centers that are delivering food, water and supplies contributed through Governor Cuomo's NYS relief program.

Website: <a href="http://grupocne.org/">http://grupocne.org/</a>

## Foundation for Puerto Rico

This foundation has set up a clearing house and distribution system for getting emergency relief to distribution centers across the Island.

Website: http://foundationforpuertorico.org/

## ConPRmetidos

ConPRmetidos is identifying needs and securing equipment and supplies from the U.S. and arranging transport and distribution on the Island.

Website: http://www.conprmetidos.org/

## Boys & Girls Clubs of Puerto Rico

These clubs are canvassing the storm-ravaged communities, assessing needs, and converting their facilities into aid distribution and service centers.

Website: http://bgcpr.org/

## Para la Naturaleza

This trust, which owns and maintains Puerto Rico's natural and historic sites, is providing aid to communities that surround it.

Website: <a href="http://www.paralanaturaleza.org/">http://www.paralanaturaleza.org/</a>

# <u>Hogares Rafaela Ybarra</u>

For more than 65 years Hogares have provided a home, care and protection for girls and teenage girls between the ages of 5 and 18, who due to diverse circumstances lack a home. They offer them the adequate opportunities to guarantee a healthy development and growth at all levels.

Website: http://hogaresrafaelaybarra.com/

### Caritas de Puerto Rico

Caritas Puerto Rico officially started its operations in 1969 under the name of Catholic Social Services of Puerto Rico. The mission of Caritas Puerto Rico is inspired by the sign of Christ's love to help the poor and those in needs by providing tools for integral human development.

Website: <a href="http://caritas.pr/">http://caritas.pr/</a>

## GoFundMe: Visit Rico

Puerto Rico's agriculture needs urgent help due to Hurricane María. After close deliberation we found that cash flow for farmers is the fastest way to help them get back on their feet to start planting seeds that are destined to grow within three months. Right now they need the economical stability they had from Farmer's Markets.

Website: <a href="https://www.gofundme.com/5markets">https://www.gofundme.com/5markets</a>

## Unidos, by the Hispanic Federation

A coalition of elected officials in New York and Puerto Rico joined the Hispanic Federation, a Latino nonprofit, to launch this relief fund for Puerto Ricans affected by Maria. Proceeds will go to community and civic organizations in Puerto Rico, the group said.

Website: https://hispanicfederation.org/donate

### Unidos por Puerto Rico

This initiative, from Beatriz Rosselló, the first lady of Puerto Rico, enlists private sector help in providing aid to those affected by Hurricanes Irma and Maria. Donations are accepted through a variety of means, including PayPal.

Website: http://www.unidosporpuertorico.com/en/

# **US-Based Organizations:**

## American Red Cross

The American Red Cross is in Puerto Rico, working alongside government officials and disaster partners to help the hundreds of thousands of people who are suffering since Hurricane Maria devastated the area. More here.

Website: http://www.redcross.org/

### Humane Society of the United States

The need in Puerto Rico has been so great that the HSUS has combined efforts with their affiliate, Humane Society International, to help as many animals as possible. They have come to form strong relationships with shelters and rescues on the island through their ongoing Humane State program, and plan to assist in multiple areas. They also have a team on the Island of Vieques, where they have worked with residents to care for the wild horses as part of their Humane State program. More here.

Website: <a href="http://www.humanesociety.org/">http://www.humanesociety.org/</a>

#### Team Rubicon

Founded in 2010, Team Rubicon unites the skills and experiences of military veterans with first responders to rapidly deploy emergency response teams. With over 48,000 volunteers across the country, Team Rubicon has responded to over 200 disasters across the United States and the world.

Website: <a href="https://teamrubiconusa.org/hurricane-harvey-2017/">https://teamrubiconusa.org/hurricane-harvey-2017/</a>

## Puerto Rico Community Foundation

The Puerto Rico Community Foundation is a longstanding Puerto Rico based 501c(3), that works closely with nonprofits throughout the island.

Website: <a href="https://www.fcpr.org/">https://www.fcpr.org/</a>

## Hispanics in Philanthropy

HIP partners with a transnational network of foundations to make impactful investments in the Latino community, and they help Latino nonprofits access funds and develop their leadership so they can effectively address the most pressing issues facing their communities.

Website: https://hiponline.org/support-victims-of-natural-disasters/

### Latino Community Foundation

The Latino Community Foundation is partnering with their friends at the Hispanic Federation to get much needed resources to the Island. The Hispanic Federation has launched the UNIDOS Disaster Relief Fund and they have a team of people coordinating relief efforts on the ground in Puerto Rico.

Website: <a href="https://latinocf.org/">https://latinocf.org/</a>

## **AmeriCares**

The relief and development organization, which provides health services to those in need, <u>said</u> that it was working with officials in Puerto Rico to stock emergency shelters with medical supplies. Here is the direct link to the <u>Maria Emergency Relief Fund</u>.

Website: http://www.americares.org/

## **Catholic Relief Services**

Donations to the faith-based group will help to provide shelter, water, tarps, tents, kitchen kits and other supplies to families affected by the storm, it said. Here is the direct link to the <a href="https://hurricane.com/hu

Website: https://www.crs.org/

### Convoy of Hope

Another faith-based initiative, Convoy of Hope provides food, water and emergency supplies to those in need throughout the world. Here is the direct link to the <a href="Relief Fund">Relief Fund</a>.

Website: https://www.convoyofhope.org/

#### Direct Relief

Direct Relief <u>reported</u> that it was working with local authorities to deliver a shipment of medicine and medical supplies to islands in the region. It also said it was working to provide insulin to 120 displaced dialysis patients. Here is the direct link to the <u>Relief Fund</u>.

Website: https://www.directrelief.org/

# **GlobalGiving**

This crowdfunding website connects donors to nonprofits and companies around the world. Donations will be spent first on the immediate needs of victims and then on longer-term recovery efforts "run by local, vetted organizations," according to the website. Here is the direct link to the Relief Fund.

Website: https://www.globalgiving.org/

# Heart to Heart International

This group was already providing medicine, medical care and aid to victims of storms in Texas, the Florida Keys and Haiti, when it sent two teams to Puerto Rico after Hurricane Maria. It also sent thousands of health and hygiene kits to St. Lucia and St. Martin last week. Here is the direct link to the Relief Fund.

Website: http://www.hearttoheart.org/

## **International Medical Corps**

The group has been working with local authorities to provide emergency care after Hurricane Irma and said it had moved medical supplies into place ahead of Hurricane Maria. Here is the direct link to the Relief Fund.

Website: https://internationalmedicalcorps.org/

## One America Appeal

All five living former presidents have united to raise money for One America Appeal, a fund administered by the George H. W. Bush Presidential Library Foundation. Donations will be distributed to a variety of funds aimed at helping storm victims in Puerto Rico, the Virgin Islands, Texas and Florida. Those groups include two listed above: Unidos por Puerto Rico and the Fund for the Virgin Islands.

Website: https://www.oneamericaappeal.org/

## **Vieques-Based Organizations:**

#### Viegues Love

This group was originally formed in order to provide long-term recovery funding for the Island, but because there has been an exremely limited government response in Vieques, ViequesLove has stepped in to fill the relief void. They are now servicing the full-scope of relief needs for Vieques until full-scale government aid can arrive.

Website: https://www.gofundme.com/viegueslove

### **Viegues Historical Trust**

For thirty years the Vieques Conservation and Historical Trust has been the island's largest non-profit organization dedicated to the conservation of Vieques. Their mission is to promote the conservation of Isla Nena's natural and cultural resources, with a special emphasis on the Bio Bay, conducting non-formal education activities, and facilitating scientific research.

Website: http://www.vcht.org/

### Viegues Humane Society & Animal Rescue

Their mission is to relieve the suffering of the animals of Vieques, which is especially critical after the devastation of Hurricane Katrina. The shelter is in bad shape. Updates can be found here.

Website: <a href="https://www.viequeshumanesociety.org/">https://www.viequeshumanesociety.org/</a>

# **Central Florida-Based Organizations:**

## Latino Leadership

The Florida Hispanic Chamber of Commerce (FSHCC), in partnership with Latino Leadership (LL), is committed to helping families reunify in Central Florida and restart their lives through the most seamless transition possible.

Website: http://latino-leadership.org/puerto-rico/

#### Hispanic Federation

Anticipating the immense impact of Hurricane Maria, the Hispanic Federation convened government officials and community leaders in New York, Connecticut, Florida and Washington DC to create the UNIDOS Disaster Relief & Recovery Program. The objective of the UNIDOS Disaster Relief & Recovery Program is to meet hurricane-related needs and recovery in Puerto Rico. One hundred percent of contributions to the UNIDOS Fund goes to help the immediate and long-term recovery needs of children, families and communities in distress from the devastation caused by Hurricane Maria.

Website: <a href="http://hispanicfederation.org/">http://hispanicfederation.org/</a>

### CASA (La Coordinadora de Apoyo, Solidaridad y Ayuda)

CASA's mission is to combine resources from multiple organizations and provide assistance to victims in the event of natural disasters in Puerto Rico and Florida.

Website: https://www.facebook.com/pg/CASA4PR/

\*Disclaimer: These organizations have been recommended to be listed by various sources in the U.S. and Puerto Rico. Stand with Puerto Rico provides this list as a public resource but does not directly endorse or take responsibility for services provided by these groups.

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