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## Unidos por Puerto Rico: Relief Efforts For Victims of Hurricane Maria

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Dear Friends,

As we come together in these trying times, my office has put together vital information to keep Bronx residents aware of the different relief efforts to support our brothers and sisters in Puerto Rico. Let's come together to help the three million U.S. citizens residing in Puerto Rico restart and rebuild! #PuertoRicoStrong.

Thank you,

Gustavo Rivera

New York State Senate

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### **ONGOING RELIEF EFFORTS TO HELP VICTIMS IN PUERTO RICO**

A) My office is partnering with FedCap and the New York City Department of Youth and Community Development 's Youth Training Network to organize a relief drive and collect items that the victims of Hurricane Maria desperately need. Donations can be dropped off at

either the Office of State Senator Gustavo Rivera or at the Fedcap offices located at 2432 Grand Concourse, 5th Floor, at room 506 and rooms 516 and 517 respectively, from 10 AM to 5 PM.

**ITEMS TO BE COLLECTED:**

Baby Food

Diapers

Batteries

First Aid Kits

Feminine Hygiene Products

**B)** The State has launched the Empire State Relief and Recovery Effort for Puerto Rico. To volunteer, make a monetary donation or find a supply drop-off location for material donations, you click on this [link](#).

**ITEMS TO BE COLLECTED:**

Batteries

Flashlights

Portable Lanterns

Diapers

Baby Wipes

Cases of Water

Feminine Hygiene Products

**New York City Drop-Off Locations**

**Manhattan**

Jacob K. Javits Center

655 W. 34th Street

**Brooklyn**

Shirley A. Chisholm State Office Building

55 Hanson Place

**Queens**

Jamaica Street Armory

93-05 168th Street

**Bronx\***

Roberto Clemente State Park

301 West Tremont Ave

**\*NOTE: If you have donations in the Bronx and you are having problems transporting them to the Roberto Clemente State Park, please call our office at 718-933-2034 and we will work to arrange transportation of your items.**

C) Across the five boroughs, 17 firehouses and EMS stations are collecting critically-needed items for hurricane relief for the people of Puerto Rico.

In the Bronx, there are two firehouses and two EMS stations collecting donations:

**EMS Station 26:** 1264 Boston Road, Bronx NY 10456 (Morrisania)

**EMS Station 55:** 3134 Park Avenue, Bronx, NY 10451 (Melrose)

**Engine 64/ Ladder 47:** 1214 Castle Hill Avenue, Bronx, NY 10462 (Castle Hill)

**Engine 83/ Ladder 29:** 618 E. 138th Street, Bronx, NY 10454 (Mott Haven/South Bronx)

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For a complete list of the 17 firehouses and EMS stations collecting donations in NYC, please click on this [link](#).

## MONETARY DONATIONS

- **Acacia Network** is organizing this national effort to support the people of Puerto Rico. 100% of ALL donations will go directly to victims of this hurricane. All contributions, no matter how large or small, make a difference. Please visit [www.DonatePuertoRico.com](http://www.DonatePuertoRico.com) for more details on the work being done.
- **The Center for Popular Democracy (CPD)** will house the **Hurricane Maria Community Relief & Recovery Fund**. One hundred percent of monies raised will be used to support immediate relief, recovery, and equitable rebuilding in Puerto Rico for the communities hit hardest by the storm. The Fund is governed by organizations like Puerto Rico-based Taller Salud, the G8 of Caño Martín Peña, and other local, grassroots organizations. The Fund will support organizations working with these hardest hit communities in Puerto Rico.

## HOW TO GET IN CONTACT WITH LOVED ONES

- We encourage people to register with the American Red Cross Safe and Well website ([www.redcross.org/SafeAndWell](http://www.redcross.org/SafeAndWell))

- If you are looking for a U.S. citizen affected by recent international disasters, please contact the U.S. Department of State Office of Overseas Citizens Services at 1-888-407-4747 or go online at <http://www.usa.gov/directory/federal/overseas-citizens-services.shtml>.
- If you live in the United States and are looking for non-U.S. citizen family members affected by Hurricane Maria in the French and Dutch territories, and British Virgin Islands, please visit [www.familylinks.icrc.org](http://www.familylinks.icrc.org) to find more information.