



NEW YORK STATE SENATOR

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Senator Phillips Honored For Water Drive Effort To Aid Citizens Of Puerto Rico

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Senator Elaine Phillips was presented with a plaque from Long Island Cares in recognition of her efforts to organize “H2O For Puerto Rico,” a collaborative water collection drive to aid the victims of Hurricane Maria.

“Due to the generosity of residents across the 7th Senate District, my office collected over 100,000 pounds of water to aid those recovering from the devastation and destruction caused by Hurricane Maria,” Senator Phillips said. “It was an honor to be recognized by Long Island Cares – however, the true recognition goes to all those who donated, collected and helped transport water. Thank you again to those who helped with the water drive and to Paule Pachter and the Long Island Cares staff for continuing to provide humanitarian assistance and food supplies to residents on Long Island and beyond.”

“Senator Phillips was able to coordinate donations of water, food and needed supplies to send to the people of Puerto Rico in the aftermath of Hurricane Sandy,” said Paule Pachter, CEO of Long Island Cares. “Working with Long Island Cares, she collected nearly 130,000 pounds of supplies that were flown to a dozen local agencies involved in relief efforts.”

Long Island Cares is one of the region’s most comprehensive hunger assistance organizations, serving thousands of individuals and families in need. Founded in 1980, Long Island Cares distributes more than 6 million pounds of nutritious food annually – and offers programs such as hunger prevention, job training, child nutrition and more.