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Puerto Rico and its citizens need our help again

According to earthquaketrack.com, the island of Puerto Rico has been struck with 39 earthquakes in the past 24 hours, 509 in the past 7 days, and 1,814 in the past 30 days, leaving parts of the island devastated and in need of much support. The tremors and aftershocks are still being felt throughout the island with threats of more occurrences in the next 30 days. These tremors have damaged buildings, closed roads, and have disrupted electricity across the island. Children are once again unable to attend school and families are sleeping on the streets because they are concerned about the structural integrity of their homes. The island has not fully recovered from the emotional, psychological, structural and economic devastation of Hurricane Maria, and yet they are being forced to enact their innate will to surpass challenges once more. Puerto Rico needs our help again, and New Haven for Puerto Rico (#NH4PR) is preparing to heed the call.

The New Haven Latino Council, a collective of community organizations and leaders serving the Latino community, is committed through the #NH4PR effort to organize and raise money to provide various forms of support and relief. In 2017 after Hurricane Maria, the #NH4PR effort raised over \$130,000 – 100% of which was spent on relief supplies on the ground in Puerto Rico. In addition to #NH4PR efforts, the Progreso Latino Fund, raised an additional \$30,000 to donate a solar pack to the community health clinic of Salud Integral en la Montaña (SIM) in Naranjito, PR. Mi Gente, we did it then and we can do it again!

The #NH4PR effort is tri-fold: First, we'll strive to stabilize arriving families through housing assistance and social services; Second, funnel funds and resources to local relief efforts in Puerto Rico; and Third, advocacy work at the federal level for Puerto Rico.

The New Haven community alone has already welcomed 10 families impacted by the earthquakes and anticipate more will arrive in the coming days and weeks to Connecticut. We are encouraged by the recent show of support by Governor Lamont and New Haven Mayor Elicker and look forward to collaborating on this growing effort.

Please join #NH4PR and make a donation. No amount is too small! Every dollar of your contributions will support families in need.

Click the Donate button below or go to <https://bit.ly/2TAz65o> to support relief efforts.

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