



A Message from

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HERE IS HOW YOU CAN HELP WITH HURRICANE AND EARTHQUAKE RELIEF EFFORTS

Like many of you, we are deeply alarmed by the images and reports coming in this past week following Hurricane Maria's destructive path across the Caribbean and the deadly earthquake in Mexico.

HURRICANE MARIA RELIEF EFFORTS

Organizations helping Puerto Rico, the U.S. Virgin Islands and the other areas of the Caribbean that were badly damaged by Hurricane Maria include the [Community Foundation of the Virgin Islands](http://www.usvirecovery.org) (www.usvirecovery.org), [Global Giving](http://www.globalgiving.org) (www.globalgiving.org), [UNICEF](http://www.unicefusa.org) (www.unicefusa.org), [Save the Children](http://www.savethechildren.org) (<http://www.savethechildren.org>), the [Dominica Hurricane Maria Relief Fund](http://dominicarelief.org) (<http://dominicarelief.org>), and [Catholic Charities](http://www.catholiccharities.org) (www.catholiccharities.org).

Those who wish to help out Puerto Rico can also text UNIDOS to 41444 and/or contact the [Hispanic Federation](http://hispanicfederation.org), which has established its own Hurricane Relief Fund to aid those in Puerto Rico affected by Hurricane Maria. For more info, visit <http://hispanicfederation.org>.

Additionally, the City has identified firehouses and EMS stations across the five boroughs where New Yorkers can donate the following critically-needed items for Hurricane Maria relief:

Diapers	Baby food	Batteries	First Aid Supplies	Feminine Hygiene Products
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Manhattan

- Engine 91: 242 E. 111th Street, New York, NY 10029 (East Harlem)
- Engine 95 / Ladder 36: 29 Vermilyea Avenue, New York, NY 10034 (Inwood)
- Engine 28 / Ladder 11: 222 E. 2nd Street, New York, NY 10009 (Lower East Side)

Please note that the City is only collecting the items listed above.

MEXICO EARTHQUAKE RELIEF EFFORTS

Relief efforts are also underway to help those affected by Tuesday's powerful earthquake in Mexico.

Here's a list, originally published in the NY Times, of local and international organizations that are providing aid:

- [Topos México](http://www.topos.mx) is a nonprofit rescue brigade made up of volunteers that was created after a 1985 earthquake. The group posted to Twitter information on how to donate through PayPal and its bank accounts, and thanked people for their support. For more info, visit www.topos.mx. (Please note: Website is in Spanish.)
- [Direct Relief](http://www.directrelief.org), a humanitarian aid organization, has staff members in Mexico City and has pledged that 100 percent of its donations will go directly to relief efforts, which it says will include facilitating the delivery of medical supplies to affected areas. For more info, visit www.directrelief.org.
- [Global Giving](http://www.globalgiving.org), a crowdfunding organization, has pledged that all money donated to its earthquake fund will go to recovery and relief efforts. For more info, visit www.globalgiving.org.
- [Fondo Unido Mexico](http://www.fondounido.org.mx/es/EmergencyFund), part of the United Way network, has created an emergency fund to help the areas affected by the earthquakes as well as the recent series of hurricanes. For more info, visit <http://www.fondounido.org.mx/es/EmergencyFund>.

When deciding to donate, please be sure to visit www.CharitiesNYS.com - the New York Attorney General's one-stop resource for charitable organizations, fundraisers, grantmakers and members of the public. There you will find important tips on charitable giving.