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To Whom it May Concern:

The Florida Northwest Coast has sustained catastrophic destruction from Hurricane Michael. In its aftermath, basic access to cell phones, landlines, and internet services is limited, in some areas.

Essential supplies, medications, and medical equipment are severely depleted. We created a group, Doctor@s Boricuas, after hurricane Maria and some of us have become activated to lead an effort to provide basic medical care by gathering essential and potentially life-saving items. We are reaching out in an effort to work together to obtain necessary medications, essential supplies, and manpower to treatment facilities.

We are working in collaboration with the Baton Rouge Emergency Aid Coalition (BREAC), a 501c3 whose work has provided relief to countless victims of natural disasters. Any monetary donation made through BREAC is fully tax deductible and will support relief efforts already underway. Our collected efforts already delivered supplies to Jinks Middle School over the first weekend after the hurricane. Last weekend, we delivered medical supplies to share among three clinics. Additional non-medical supplies were sent to Mexico Beach thanks to the help of B and R Emergency Response Training Corp and Sheep Dog Impact Assistance <https://sheepdogia.org/>. Baton Rouge Emergency Aid Coalition has deployed about 4 Planes with the assistance of Canjun Airlift, Inc. with donations to help one of the hospitals that continues to be opened. We need your help to continue assistance to the free clinics and Jinks Middle School. Please, donate. We cannot do this alone.

<https://www.breac225.org/> Site for Baton Rouge (501c3)

<http://www.hopeandhealthproject.com/> Dr. Jose Colon (501c3)

<https://www.gofundme.com/z3ebxf-hurricane-michael?fbclid=IwAR2XZH0CD6BL0-GcRuIQi0B050kYKCLOf26SVer239gZNOWJ7g3rMqOWELo> (Doctoras Boricuas Go Fund Me)

I previously had an Amazon Wishlist established. Supplies were sent directly to two clinics. We humbly ask that you join us in the nationwide effort to come to Florida's aid. We are certain that your contributions will be a crucial component in the effort to rebuild and provide for the wellbeing of these communities.

We thank you for assisting in this time of dire need.

Sincerely,

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Dr. Jose Colon and Dr. Mildred Jasmine Perea both in Florida sending aid. They are some of our members that became activated with this emergency.



Supplies sent to Jinks Middle School. Additional supplies picked up in Gainesville, Florida.



Equipment donated by Dr. Jose Colon.



Dr. Vargo at the free clinic earlier this week. Supplies were sent through our network to make this possible. We have two other physician clinics we are trying to continue to send supplies: Dr. Zabih and Dr. Ulthaq, but we need more help. We received report that Dr. Zabih's home was destroyed with the hurricane. Despite that, he continues work and share his supplies with other physicians to provide care for the patients. Dr. Ulthaq tells me that one of his sites in the Calhoun area was damaged and part of his equipment and supplies were also damaged. He continues to work. We are currently gathering additional supplies to help him, too. We cannot do this alone.



Our amazing drivers, father and son duo from Sheep Dog Impact Assistance. Dr. Betzaida Gonzales coordinated their efforts for delivery of medical and non-medical supplies through B&R Emergency Response Training Corp.