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Lansing Leaders Launch Puerto Rico Hurricane Relief Campaign

(LANSING) – Mayor Virg Bernero announced today that the City of Lansing will join forces with the Lansing Regional Sister Cities Commission (501c3) to raise funds for Puerto Rico Hurricane Maria Relief.

“The devastation and suffering in Puerto Rico calls for a strong, united and compassionate response,” Mayor Bernero said. “I am proud to support the relief effort for Puerto Rico, which is one of our own.” Puerto Rico is currently an unincorporated territory of the United States.

Lansing Sister Cities President Barbara Roberts Mason noted that all funds raised will be directed to The National Puerto Rican Chamber of Commerce. The NPRCC has used donations to send satellite phones, food, medicine, generators, and LifeStraws, as well as coordinating doctors and other personnel assisting on the ground.

Donations to the Lansing-Puerto Rico Hurricane Relief campaign can be made online via Facebook at facebook.com/LansingSis or at the LRSCC crowdfunding site at gofundme.com/funds-to-assist-puerto-rico. Donations can also be sent via U.S. mail by check payable to **LRSCC/Puerto Rico Fund** and sent to **LRSCC, 500 E. Michigan Ave., Suite 200, Lansing, MI 48912**.

“One hundred percent of the proceeds will go to helping the victims affected by these natural disasters in Puerto Rico,” Roberts Mason said. “In addition, all donations raised here in Lansing will be matched 200% through The National Puerto Rican Chamber of Commerce (NPRCC), our designated fund recipient.”

Despite all that is being done, still only 45% of Puerto Rican citizens have access to drinking water and only 5% have electricity. Fifty percent of the roads are still not passable and there are only 14% of cell towers that work.

Please donate now. Help us help them!

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