



## DISASTER PREPAREDNESS



### DISASTER PREPAREDNESS CONFERENCE

During this month we held a conference for our partner organizations on how to prepare for a disaster. Among the resources of the activity, Mr. Nino Correa, Commissioner of the Bureau for Emergency Management and Disaster Administration (NMEAD), offered advice on what to do in an emergency. We also had the collaboration of Mrs. Gisela Rosario, executive officer of NMEAD, who talked about the Community Hub project. Dr. Karim Torres spoke about how to be emotionally resilient during a disaster. Sonia Colón and Jesenia Cedeño gave a demonstration on how we should store food in a bucket. The activity was attended by 43 people who were very pleased with what was shared.



Banco de Alimentos de Puerto Rico has a distribution plan that is executed as soon as a storm or hurricane warning is received. This plan includes 10 organizations located around the Island to ensure adequate and rapid access to the different regions of the Island. These organizations will serve as a collection and communication center for their populations to minimize the lack of food during an emergency.

### Allied Organizations for Food Distribution in Emergency Situations



Ministerio Buen Samaritano MARC - Vega Baja  
Iglesia Pentecostal La Luz del Mundo - Fajardo  
Asociación Pro Bienestar- Aguada  
ASSPEN (Agencias de Servicios Sociales Pentecostales)- Juana Diaz  
Centro María Mazarrello ALESPI- Orocovis

Fé Que Transforma - Vieques  
Lazos de Amor - Isabela  
Asociación Pro-Juventud - Cataño  
Mujeres de Isla - Culebra  
Acción Social - Cabo Rojo

### BACKPACKS AND GENERATORS

Thanks to a donation from Abbott, during the conference on how to prepared for disasters, we delivered 35 emergency backpacks with basic items, and 15 electric generators, to allied organizations that needed them.



### COMMUNITY HUB

The Food Bank is the only organization specialized in food distribution on the Island. In an emergency, we are present to assist the community. Therefore, we have been managing, in coordination with NMEAD, the integration of the Bank into the Community Hub. This effort brings together churches, non-profit organizations, and government entities to support the community before, during and in the recovery process in an emergency.



**V2A CONSULTING**



The Food Bank proposal was one of those chosen among 40 projects presented that will impact socioeconomic development. The proposals selected will receive strategic and operational consulting services; and were evaluated using the following criteria: need, impact on the community, openness of leaders to make significant changes, and alignment with the V2A values.

**PARA LA NATURALEZA VISIT**



Through agriculture we reduce poverty, increase incomes, and reduce food insecurity. With this purpose, we visited several farms protected by Para la Naturaleza, to evaluate the possibility of collaborative projects for the creation of a seed bank to strengthen agriculture in the country.

**ARROYO IMPACT**



Las Quinientas and the town center in the municipality of Arroyo, were the sectors impacted during this month. Thanks to the collaboration of Sister Mariana of the Dominican Sisters of Our Lady of the Rosary of Fátima, we delivered food to 160 families.

**PETSMART DONATION**



Although our vision is aimed at a Puerto Rico Hunger Free, we cannot forget about our pets. Therefore, we delivered 31,400 pounds of food to organizations and rescuers dedicated to serving dogs and cats. The effort was possible thanks to a donation from Petsmart.

**PROTEIN GRANT**



The increase in the cost of food represents a challenge in the acquisition of some, such as meat. Thanks to a proposal we received, we were able to deliver 3,100 pounds of fresh meat to 11 partner organizations that serve people in need of food.

**REMODELING THE STORE**



In order to offer a better service to our allied organizations that visit us daily, during this month we were remodeling the store area. Now the space is larger and more colorful.



# DONATIONS

We thank the following entities for their support and commitment to the communities that suffer from food insecurity on the Island.



United Way  
de Puerto Rico



## THANKS TO ANONYMOUS DONORS

We also want to thank hundreds of anonymous donors who month after month use ATH Mobile and PayPal to selflessly offer us their love and constant support. Thank you!

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