

FEMINIST SOLIDARITY POST-HURRICANE RELIEF FUND



As a feminist grassroots organization active since 2014, Colectiva Feminista en Construcción hereby reiterates our commitment and struggle for the well-being of the most vulnerable communities in Puerto Rico. Taking into consideration the increase in the precarity of essential services on the island, we are raising funds to establish a grassroots-organized space that would work as an oasis, meeting and gathering point and

distribution center of resources to alleviate the most urgent necessities of women, LGBTQ people, non-binary folks and other people and communities in resistance. This space will also organize #BrigadasFeministas (feminist brigades) that will distribute the collected resources. In consonance with the political efforts developed by La Colectiva, this funding campaign also intends to raise awareness regarding the real roots of the catastrophe Puerto Rico is going through.

The fault for this catastrophe is on the deteriorating conditions of poverty that we have been subjugated to for decades now. The incompetence of our government, local as well as federal, in serving its people only goes to show what we've been saying for years: this disaster is not a natural one.

The acts of violence of the political-economic system are the ones that have left our country in abject poverty, well before the hurricane hit. We refuse to obey the curfews and the false calls for peace that only seek to depoliticize the causes of this emergency. From La Colectiva we reaffirm our commitment to de-naturalize the acts of violence generated by a capitalist, racist and heteropatriarchal system that keeps us colonized. Let's shine a light on what's most pressing, this is NOT A 'NATURAL' DISASTER.

C+FEEL=HOPE

LIGHT AND HOPE FOR PUERTO RICO



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See the light, feel clean, have hope

To many Puerto Ricans without **power**, life has become harder than ever. To them the sunlight coming up in the morning us an instant sign of hope, but as soon as the 100 degrees Fahrenheit+ heat rises, this hope quickly dims away. Days are long, but nights have become longer, as people can do nothing but wait for the next ray of light to peek through the horizon in the morning. People have

become deprived of the basic resources of light. In a basic emotional human state, light allows people to feel hope and see possibility, so those without light feel despair and extreme loneliness. Light provides a safe environment, both physically and emotionally. Hope that better days will come, is slowly dimming away for the hundreds of thousand of people in Puerto Rico affected by this massive crisis.

C+Feel = Hope campaign aims to find a solution to these issues identified by Puerto Ricans in the midst of a crisis. Providing solar powered lights, mobile phone chargers and hand powered washers, we can create an immediate positive impact for thousands of families affected by Hurricane Maria. For \$100, you can provide solar light, mobile phone charger and non-electric portable washing solution for a Puerto Rican family in need.

This campaign is a grassroots concerned Puerto Rican citizen effort under the stewardship of Salvador Gabriel Gómez Colón, a 15 year old student of St. John's School who became concerned with the situation of the millions of families around Puerto Rico without power and water and decided to do something to ease their struggles.. Citizens are taking the power in their own hands, and responding to conditions they are seeing on the ground first hand. The campaign is supported by friends of C+Feel = Hope.

Please note that 100% C+Feel = Hope campaign proceeds will go towards purchase and delivery of solar powered lights, mobile phone chargers and hand powered washers to Puerto Ricans.

MUSEO DE ARTE CONTEMPORÁNEO

EMERGENCY POST-HURRICANE PROGRAMMING



Faced with the devastating effects of hurricanes Irma and María (September 2017) in Puerto Rico, the MAC implemented an Emergency Educational and Cultural Program, aimed at people affected by these atmospheric phenomena.

The initiative is part of “El MAC en El Barrio,” an artistic program of action and social integration that we have been implementing since 2014 and that provides direct service to several communities in San Juan. The program includes three main components: a short-term School Program aimed at 70 students from 4 to 16 years old; a Creative Psychosocial Support Program for seniors and families; and finally, the realization of artistic and cultural activities for the enjoyment of the general public.

The School Program was held at the MAC headquarters from is aimed at students from the Hipódromo, Machuchal, Figueroa, Tras Talleres, Los Lirios, San José and Buenos Aires neighborhoods (San Juan-Puerto Rico). Meanwhile, the Creative Program of Psychosocial Support is being offered directly in different communities of Santurce and Río Piedras (2017), and Guaynabo and Cataño (2018). Both programs include the participation of renowned artists and educators such as Rosa Luisa Márquez, Teresa Hernández, Irizelma Robles, Omar Obdulio Peña-Forty, Bárbara Díaz Tapia, Nibia Pastrana, José Luis Vargas, Joudy Santaliz, Edgard Rodríguez Luiggi, among others.

The objective of this emergency program is to be able to directly influence the community recovery with a cultural project that nourishes not only the spirit and promotes healthy living, but also meets the practical needs of the citizens most affected by the recent natural catastrophes that we face in Puerto Rico. We are concerned about the physical and emotional well-being of our most vulnerable populations. Therefore, and in order to correct the temporary closure of schools, we launched a Short School Program that integrates the fine arts with other subjects related to geography, climate change, ecology, collective work, creative writing, recycling, solidarity and civic coexistence. Furthermore, and as it has always been a constant in the case of the MAC, this effort is also one aimed at contributing to the economic sustenance of our artistic class, which has also been seriously affected.

As the third and final component, this initiative includes the realization of cultural activities for all audiences such as Green Light to Culture! at the MAC and the scenic work "Hij@s de la Bernarda."