

Acacia Network  
**HURRICANE MARÍA RELIEF EFFORTS**



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**EVEN IN CRITICAL SITUATIONS, ACACIA NETWORK HAS ALWAYS  
OPERATED BY IDENTIFYING AND EMPOWERING THE ALREADY  
EXISTING ASSETS IN OUR COMMUNITIES. WE DO NOT OPERATE FROM  
WEAKNESS, BUT FROM STRENGTH.**

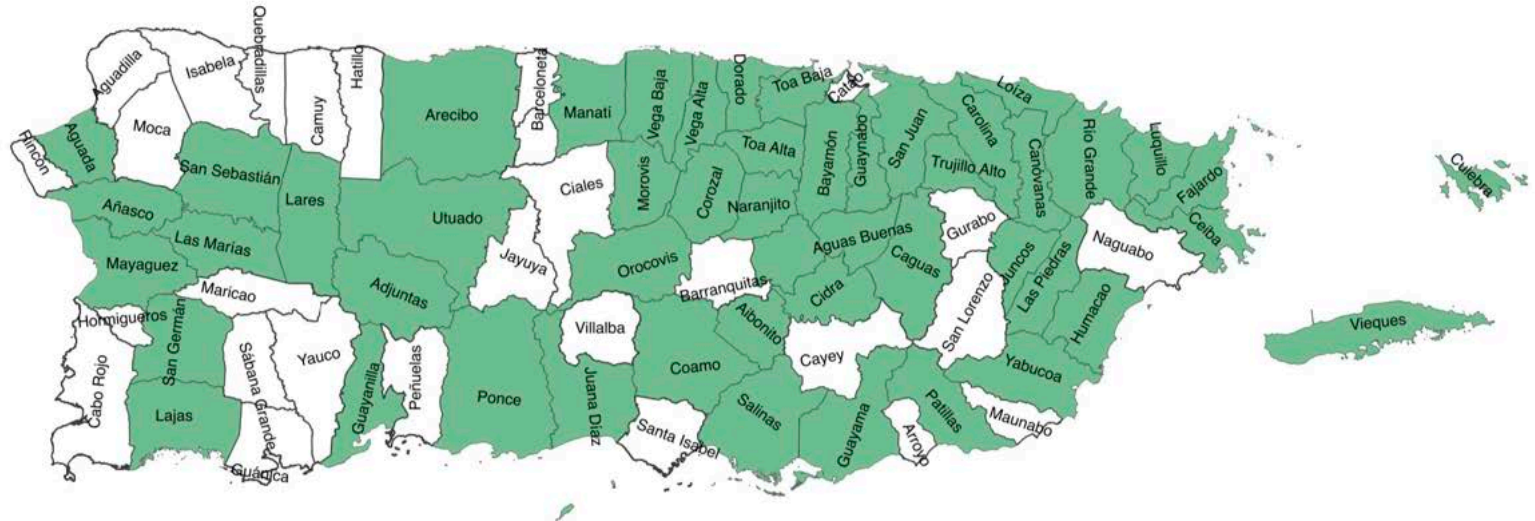
**— RAÚL RUSSI, ACACIA NETWORK'S CEO**

## **THE AID IN NUMBERS**

- ◆ **INITIAL DONATION: \$1 MILLION DOLLARS**
- ◆ **\$800,000 IN MATCHING FUNDS**
- ◆ **MORE THAN 1,200 INDIVIDUAL DONATIONS**
- ◆ **DONATIONS FROM ALL 50 STATES AND PUERTO RICO**
- ◆ **AN ESTIMATED 6,000 FAMILIES REACHED**
- ◆ **A COLLABORATIVE EFFORT WITH OVER 25 LOCAL ORGANIZATIONS**
- ◆ **OVER \$200,000 IN FOOD PURCHASED FROM A LOCAL SUPPLIER**
- ◆ **DELIVERED AID: FOOD, WATER, TARPS TO OVER 800 SENIORS IN NEED**
- ◆ **AID HAS REACHED 51 OUT OF 78 MUNICIPALITIES**
- ◆ **VISITED OVER TWO DOZEN HOMES AND HOSPICES WITH AID, HELP, COMPANIONSHIP, AND ART**
- ◆ **OVER 200 GENERATORS**
- ◆ **2,000 TARPS**
- ◆ **1,680 SOLAR LAMPS**
- ◆ **3,000 MOSQUITO NETS**
- ◆ **OUR AID HAS REACHED OVER 18,000 INDIVIDUALS, OR AROUND 6,000 FAMILIES**

# MUNICIPALITIES REACHED BY ACACIA NETWORK

**WASTING NO TIME, THE VERY DAY OF THE HURRICANE RAÚL RUSSI –ACACIA NETWORK’S CEO– AND THE ORGANIZATION’S BOARD OF DIRECTORS ESTABLISHED OUR FUND WITH A \$1,000,000 COMMITMENT FROM THE ORGANIZATION.**



**TWO DAYS AFTER THE HURRICANE, OUR FUND WAS ALREADY AT WORK, HELPING FEED 65 FAMILIES OF CHILDREN AT THE PEDIATRIC HOSPITAL IN THE METRO AREA. FOUR DAYS AFTER THE HURRICANE, THE FUND WAS HELPING FEED 25 FOREIGN UNIVERSITY STUDENTS THAT WERE STRANDED ON THE ISLAND.**



**FOR DECADES, OUR INTERVENTIONS HAVE BEEN MEASURED AND TIMED TO SPREAD THE SEEDS OF RELIEF ACROSS HORIZONTAL COMMUNITY NETWORKS IN WAYS THAT MAXIMIZE IMPACT, EMPOWER LOCAL ACTORS, AND PROMOTE RESPONSIBILITY, ACCOUNTABILITY, AND SOLIDARITY. WE BELIEVE THAT IT IS THOSE ALREADY DOING WORK ACROSS COMMUNITIES, THOSE WITH THE INTIMATE KNOWLEDGE OF THEIR NEIGHBORHOODS, THOSE VERSANT IN THE LOCAL HISTORIES, THAT ARE OPTIMALLY POSITIONED TO LEND SUPPORT IN TIMES OF NEED.**

**— RAÚL RUSSI, ACACIA NETWORK'S CEO**

# COLLABORATING ORGANIZATIONS



- ◆ AMOR POR VIEQUES
- ◆ ASOCIACIÓN DE RESIDENTES MACHUCHAL REVIVE
- ◆ BANCO POPULAR
- ◆ BOYS AND GIRLS CLUBS OF PUERTO RICO
- ◆ BRIGADA RÁFAGA SOLIDARIA
- ◆ CAGUAS COURTYARD SENIOR HOUSING
- ◆ CASA CRISTO REDENTOR
- ◆ CASA PUEBLO
- ◆ COMEDORES SOCIALES
- ◆ CUCINA
- ◆ ECO-KITS
- ◆ FAST CELLULAR COMMUNICATION
- ◆ FUNDACIÓN ÁNGELES QUE DEJAN HUELLAS
- ◆ FUNDACIÓN LÓGICA EDUCATIVA
- ◆ HEALTHPROMED
- ◆ IGLESIA DISCÍPULOS DE CRISTO METROPOLITANA
- ◆ JOSE SANTIAGO INC.
- ◆ LA CALLE LOZA INC
- ◆ MIGRANT HEALTH CENTER
- ◆ MUNICIPALITY OF LOÍZA
- ◆ MUNICIPALITY OF TOA ALTA
- ◆ PARROQUIA ESPÍRITU SANTO (TOA BAJA)
- ◆ PLAZA PROVISIONAL COMPANY
- ◆ PR CONCRA
- ◆ PROYECTO ENLACE DEL CAÑO MARTÍN PEÑA
- ◆ RÁFAGA SOLIDARIA
- ◆ SOLAR JÍBARO
- ◆ TALLER SALUD

## **PARTNER ORGANIZATIONS (MOST NYC BASED)**

**A SPECIAL RECOGNITION TO OUR CONSULTANTS YOUNG & DE LA SOTA ARCHITECTS, ERS CONSULTING, LIC. GILBERTO OLIVER, EXECUTIVE HOME SEARCH, ELIEZER COLLAZO CIC CONSTRUCTION GROUP SE, AND ESTUDIOS TÉCNICOS WHO HAVE BEEN PART OF OUR EFFORTS AND ARE HELPING US IDENTIFY HOW TO DELIVER THE ASSISTANCE DAILY. OTHER COLLABORATORS INCLUDE:**

- ✦ **AFFORDABLE HOUSING ACCESS INC.**
- ✦ **BRONX-LEBANON HOSPITAL CENTER**
- ✦ **DHL**
- ✦ **GALLAGHER**
- ✦ **HISPANIC FEDERATION**
- ✦ **HUDSON HOUSING**
- ✦ **INVESTOR'S BANK**
- ✦ **JONATHAN ROSE COMPANIES**
- ✦ **L&M DEVELOPMENT PARTNERS**
- ✦ **MENTAL HEALTH FIRST AID NATIONAL COUNCIL**
- ✦ **PHIPPS HOUSES**
- ✦ **POPULAR COMMUNITY BANK**
- ✦ **R4 CAPITAL GROUP**
- ✦ **SOLITE**
- ✦ **STERLING NATIONAL BANK**
- ✦ **TED SUPPLY**
- ✦ **THE STAGG GROUP**



**AS PART OF THE SOCIAL SOLIDARITY WORK THAT WE DO, ACACIA NETWORK HAS BEEN WORKING ON THE GROUND IN PUERTO RICO FOR OVER 5 YEARS. OUR PARTNERS ON THE GROUND WERE ALL ORGANICALLY CONNECTED TO NETWORKS THAT WERE READY TO LEND A HAND WHEN DISASTER STRUCK. DURING AND IMMEDIATELY AFTER THE HURRICANE, WE CONSULTED WITH COMMUNITY LEADERS, CLIENTS, RELIGIOUS GROUPS OF ALL PERSUASIONS, ELECTED OFFICIALS FROM ALL PARTIES AND AT ALL LEVELS, SO AS TO OBTAIN THE HIGHEST RESOLUTION PICTURE IN TERMS OF NEED, AND THE OPTIMAL ROUTES TO LEND SUPPORT.**

**"I WANT TO THANK OUR PARTNERS AT ACACIA NETWORK FOR THE AID THAT WILL BRING HAPPINESS TO SO MANY MANY VIEQUENSES IN NEED OF KNOWING THAT THERE ARE PEOPLE THAT LOVE AND SUPPORT THEM. THE DISTRIBUTION OF GENERATORS HAPPENED LAST SATURDAY IN CONSULTATION WITH COMMUNITY LEADERS ELDA E HILCIA GUADALUPE, BOB RABIN, AND NILDA MEDINA. PRIORITY WAS GIVEN TO SCHOOLS, SCHOOL KITCHENS (NOT FOR AIR CONDITIONING OFFICES!), ALSO WE GAVE PRIORITY TO HELPING ORGANIZATIONS THAT OFFER SERVICES TO THE COMMUNITY, AND TO ISMAEL GUADALUPE, HISTORIC LEADER IN THE FIGHT AGAINST THE US NAVY PRESENCE IN THE ISLAND, A RECENT RECIPIENT OF A KIDNEY TRANSPLANT. HE LIVES IN A VERY MODEST WAY...."**

**👉 ANA MARÍA GARCÍA, AMOR POR VIEQUES**

**"MUCHAS GRACIAS A NOMBRE DE TODA NUESTRA COMUNIDAD DE LEVITTOWN, TOA BAJA. Y DIOS LES MULTIPLIQUE EN BENDICIONES A USTEDES Y FAMILIA."**

**👉 GLENDA LIZ**



**"OUR BROTHERS AND SISTERS ARE GETTING THE HELP THEY NEED SO MUCH THANKS TO THOSE ANGELS AT ACACIA. MAY GOD BLESS EACH AND EVERY ONE OF YOU."**

**👉 JUAN RIVERA**



**"JUST GOT BACK FROM A TRIP TO PUERTO RICO TO HELP OUT WITH POST HURRICANE RELIEF EFFORTS. WANTED TO SEND YOU A QUICK NOTE OF CONGRATULATIONS FOR THE AMAZING WORK THAT ACACIA HAS BEEN DOING, AND TO LET YOU KNOW THAT THE PEOPLE OF PUERTO RICO HAVE TRULY BEEN AFFECTED BY YOUR EFFORTS. WHILE OUT THERE, I SAW A GENERATOR BEING DELIVERED TO VIEQUES, WHICH HAS BEEN WITHOUT POWER AND WATER SINCE HURRICANE IRMA. WHEN I ASKED WHERE THE GENERATOR WAS FROM, I WAS TOLD ACACIA NETWORK. A LITTLE LATER ON, I MET A WOMAN, ANA GARCIA, WHO WAS BRINGING SUPPLIES TO VIEQUES, AND SHE MENTIONED THE SUPPORT SHE WAS RECEIVING FROM ACACIA MADE HER EFFORTS POSSIBLE. ON THE MAIN ISLAND, WHILE VISITING A COMMUNITY IN NEED OF TARPS, ONCE AGAIN ACACIA'S NAME CAME UP AND WAS CREDITED FOR THE TARPS, AND WHILE SPEAKING WITH SOMEONE ABOUT MOSQUITO NETS, AGAIN ACACIA WAS MENTIONED. IT WAS REALLY GREAT TO SEE IN ACTION ALL OF THE WONDERFUL WORK THAT YOUR ORGANIZATION IS DOING FOR SO MANY PEOPLE IN SUCH VARIED AREAS AND WAYS. CONGRATULATIONS."**

**— MRS. QUESADA**

**WE ARE NOW ENTERING OUR SECOND  
PHASE OF LONG-TERM COLLABORATION.  
THANKS FOR YOUR SUPPORT.**

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