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**LCMC HEALTH SENDS MEDICAL SUPPLIES AND MORE TO AID RESIDENTS OF PUERTO RICO
IN THE AFTERMATH OF HURRICANE MARIA**

New Orleans, LA (October 10, 2017) – LCMC Health employees are organizing relief efforts to aid the residents of hurricane-ravaged Puerto Rico in the aftermath of Maria. The aid follows remarks by Puerto Rico Governor Ricardo A. Rosselló, who expressed a strong desire to make repairing rural hospitals a priority for hurricane recovery, stating that medical aid and other supplies were in very short supply.

In response to the Governor’s plea, and in coordination with State Senator Karen Carter Peterson and local restaurateur Bill Hammack, LCMC Health donated four pallets of medical supplies valued at more than \$40,000. The supplies were delivered to the Louis B. Armstrong International Airport Monday, October 9, and included catheters, sutures, needles, scrubs, operating room gloves, tourniquets, surgical drapes, personal toiletries supplies, and much more. The first shipment departed Tuesday, October 10, with a second flight slated soon thereafter to deliver more supplies.

“LCMC is proud to support these relief efforts, joining civic, government and other business leaders to bring much needed aid and relief to those in dire need in Puerto Rico,” said Greg Feirn, CEO, LCMC Health.

In another effort to lend aid, Touro Infirmary donated 4 pallets – about 6,400 pounds – of badly needed medical and emergency supplies, including first aid, feminine hygiene, baby and child care items, drinking water, dog food and other pet supplies. This effort was led by Emergency Department physician, Dr. Elisa Arrillaga, whose family is from Puerto Rico.

Touro delivered the supplies to the Cajun Airlift, a newly-formed group of volunteer pilots who are transporting aid to communities in Puerto Rico that remain in dire need. The supplies were delivered Friday, October 6, and the transport by the Cajun Airlift will continue through the coming weeks.

(Photograph included)

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About LCMC Health

Established in 2009, [LCMC Health](http://www.lcmchealth.org) is a Louisiana-based, not-for-profit hospital system serving the healthcare needs of the Gulf Coast region. LCMC Health currently manages Children's Hospital, Touro, New Orleans East Hospital, University Medical Center New Orleans and West Jefferson Medical Center.



Photo cutline:

Touro employees delivered medical supplies and other aid to the Cajun Airlift at the New Orleans Lakefront Airport. Joining the effort were (left to right) Touro's Logistics Manager, Lenniece Morrell, Ronnie Landry, Emergency Department Operations Coordinator, and Dr. Elisa Arrillaga, Emergency Medicine Physician, Cajun Airlift Co-Founder, Chanse Watson, and Winton Jackson, A1 Courier Service.