

## The YMCA of Greater New York supports displaced survivors from Puerto Rico with \$100,000 grant from the Deutsche Bank

**New York, NY – December 20, 2017 -** The YMCA of Greater New York received a \$100,000 grant from the Deutsche Bank to provide support to Puerto Ricans and other islanders coming to New York City in the aftermath of Hurricane Maria.

The Y has a long established history of welcoming newcomers to the country and assisting them in their transition. Here in New York City, the YMCA's New Americans Initiative has six New Americans Welcome Centers in the Bronx, Chinatown, Flushing, Harlem, Prospect Park, and Staten Island. Through the Centers, the Y will connect survivors of Hurricane Maria with the resources they need to rebuild their lives. This includes food, clothing, transportation, benefits, medical care, employment opportunities, language classes, legal services, and more. Deutsche Bank has been a longtime supporter of the Welcome Centers.

"The Y stands firm in its commitment to welcoming all and are pleased to join the long list of organizations supporting the Puerto Rican community and other islanders coming here seeking stability," said Sharon Greenberger, President and CEO of the YMCA of Greater New York. "We are grateful for our longstanding partnership with Deutsche Bank, who allow us to serve communities wholeheartedly and meet emergent needs."

Alessandra Digiusto, Deutsche Bank's Head of Corporate Social Responsibility Americas, said, "Deutsche Bank is proud to be one of the first corporate supporters of the Y's New Americans Welcome Centers, which have helped so many New Yorkers achieve economic independence and contribute their skills and values to our community. The Centers have proven adept at connecting people to the resources they need when all is lost, which is paramount to supporting Puerto Ricans arriving to NYC after being displaced by Hurricane Maria."

All six Centers noted above are ready to receive those needing help with transition. If you or someone you know is in need of assistance, please contact newamericans@ymcanyc.org or rrinaldo@ymcanyc.org. Visit our webpage for more information on how to support families by through donations or volunteering.

## About the YMCA of Greater New York

New York City's YMCA is here for all New Yorkers — to empower youth, improve health, and strengthen community. Founded in 1852, today the Y serves a diverse population of more than half a million New Yorkers who learn, grow, and thrive through programs and services at our 24 branches. Community is the cornerstone of the Y. Together, we

connect active, engaged New Yorkers to build stronger communities. Follow us on Facebook, Twitter, and Instagram at @ymcanyc. For more information, visit www.ymcanyc.org or call 212-630-9600.

About the YMCA of Greater New York's New American Initiative New York City's YMCA founded its New Americans Initiative in 1981, making the Y one of the largest immigrant service providers in the City. Since 2006, New York City's YMCA has opened six New Americans Welcome Centers, which offer citizenship preparation courses, English language classes, and other services to help immigrants reach their goals and integrate into American society. The Centers support more than 5,000 immigrants and their families annually, and New York City's success led YMCA of the USA to implement the model nationally in 2016.

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