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Salvation Army Continuing Hurricane Relief Efforts

ST. THOMAS — The Salvation Army is continuing to work with partner nonprofits to provide relief efforts following Hurricanes Irma and Maria.

Hurricane Irma severely damaged the St. Thomas Salvation Army's kitchen, Thrift Store and church, and the organization has been working with other centers to distribute relief.

The soup kitchen has partnered with My Brother's Workshop Café and Bakery on Back Street in Charlotte Amalie to feed an average of 600 to 900 people per day for free, according to a press release. The Salvation Army provided financial support as well as eight pallets of canned goods and food items.

In addition to walk-in meal service, the program has provided meals to other vulnerable populations such as Ebenezer Gardens, Queen Louise Home and the Lucinda Millin Home, as well as the Sea View Nursing Home and its adolescent behavioral health program. One hundred meals also were shared with Catholic Charities for their programs, according to a press release.

The goal is to continue working with My Brother's Workshop to mobilize and deliver care packages to those in various communities. The Salvation Army has also partnered with the St. Thomas Reformed Church to provide canned goods, hygiene products, and cleaning supplies.

The group has also partnered with the Red Cross to supply 13,500 16.9-ounce bottles of water for distribution, and volunteers distributed another 1,100 one-gallon jugs of water to people's homes.

The group is continuing to work with partners in the wake of Hurricane Maria to continue relief efforts.

The Salvation Army on Monday supplied 34 pairs of boots, one pallet of clothing, 200 pounds of fresh vegetables, 50 portions of pasta and sauce, and three bags of garlic for distribution on St. John, and will continue to provide that island with food and other supplies.

The Salvation Army and My Brother's Workshop Café and Bakery are distributing free meals daily between 1 and 3 p.m. to all who come to the café and bakery site on Back Street. In addition, the Salvation Army has partnered with the St. Thomas Reformed Church, adjacent to the café and bakery, to distribute disaster survival items. Those items will be distributed between 1 and 3 p.m. on Monday, Wednesday and Friday.