



**Hopkinton  
Rotary**

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INTERNATIONAL

# **International Service Trip Discussion Puerto Rico February 2027**

February , 2026

# Agenda

1. Research
  - Bow Rotary
  - Keene Rotary, Elm Street Rotary
  - San Juan Puerto Rico Rotary
  - Hopkinton Interact
2. Community Collaborations international: CCI
  - Proposed Trip February 2027
3. Interest Survey



# Research

- Began with Chris Parkinson, Bow Rotary, Amigos De Honduras – too dangerous
- Keene Rotary & Elm Street Rotary (2 Keene Rotary Groups)- Puerto Rico
  - Annual Puerto Rico February Trip (7 years running) with 40 Rotarians (20 from each club) and Interact students from 2 high schools- 12-15 kids on the trip, Interact is NOT school sponsored in Keene
  - Significant fundraising, larger schools (Keene has 2000 students, Monadnock has 1000 students- Hopkinton 305), competitive for Interact students to attend trip
  - Partner with San Juan Puerto Rico Rotary (Jorge)
  - Began with Community Collaborations International but now plan their own trips through Hunger Corp with a doctor/nurse on every trip – arrange their own lodging at an Episcopal church conference center and their own vans/transportation – no additional insurance
  - Only charge Interact students for flights- fundraising offsets the remainder, \$1500 per person flights included

# Research

- San Juan Rotary, Puerto Rico
- Have spoken with Juanita (service chair) and Jorge (Immediate Past President and Keene Rotary liaison for Puerto Rico Trips). Jorge helped Keene seat the original service trip and develop it over time. Now they manage it on their own.

## Club Executives & Directors

President  
Enid Reyes

Vice President  
Delia Colorado

Immediate Past President  
Jorge González

Secretary  
Annie Evans

Treasurer  
Gerry Cumpiano

Club Service  
Juanita Valentin-Morris

**Rotary**  
San Juan Rotary Club  
San Juan, Puerto Rico



**"The oldest continuously operating club in the world south of the Tropic of Cancer"**

**Celebrating 107  
Anniversary**

1st Tuesday: Lunch at AFDA 2nd  
Tuesday: Evening Social (location  
varies) 3rd Tuesday: Lunch at AFDA  
4th Tuesday: Zoom Meeting (12:00



# Research

*Kate Reigeluth*

Spanish Teacher/World Language Department Chair, Hopkinton Middle High School



- Kate led a very successful Interact trip to Puerto Rico through CCI in 2023-
- RAVE REVIEWS
  - Such a travel friendly island with several service opportunities
  - Learning about true island experiences and adding real value
  - Worked with Rain Forest to maintain trail system – out there for hours working with a team
  - Worked with ‘For Nature’ after hurricane Maria they wanted to reforest to protect against future hurricane damage – potting plants
  - Worked for a farmer – island imports so much of its food – trying to bring back farming
  - With every project that they did the students were side by side with volunteers from the island
  - Felt incredibly educational, work was meaningful
  - Students changed their minds about what they thought about things
  - Very positive experience, Very safe
  - No passport needed, flight from Boston to San Juan was a breeze
  - No problem doing work if you don’t speak Spanish, you use the dollar
- Hopkinton High will NOT be sending a teacher or staff member on our trip – Interact can attend but it is a community event not a school sponsored event

# Research

## Hunger Corp (Keene Rotary)

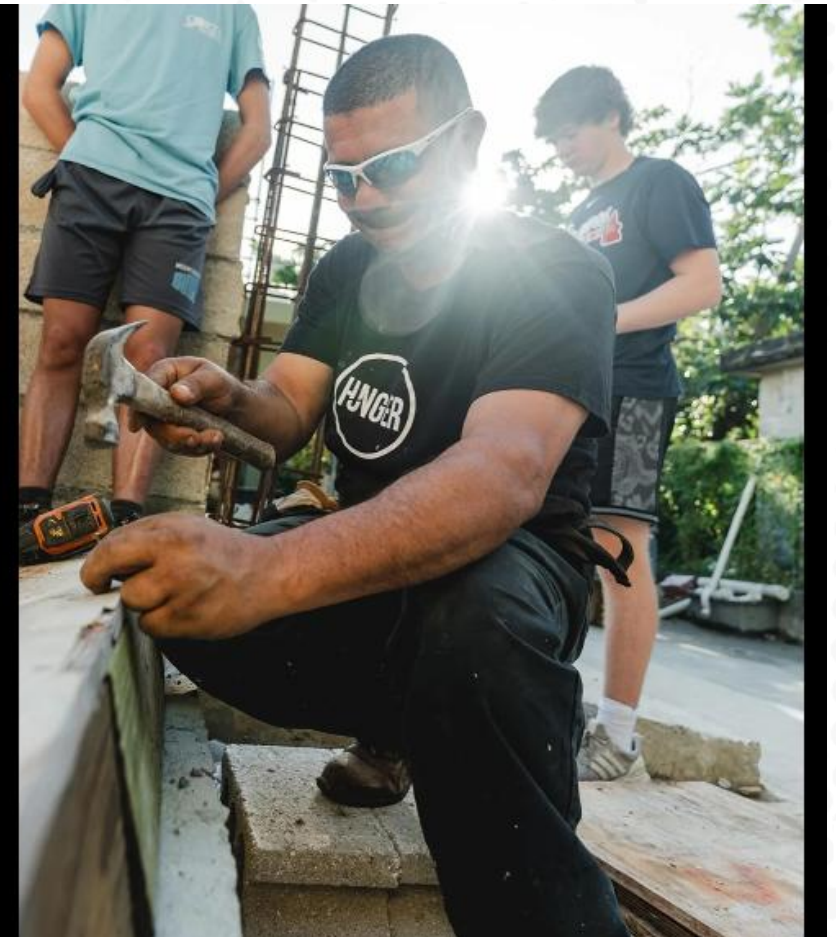
**120,000  
VOLUNTEER  
HOURS**

**9 HOMES  
BUILT FROM  
THE GROUND UP**

### Who We Are

Hunger Corp is a 501 (c)(3) non profit organization founded in Puerto Rico in 2012. After five years of international projects in The Amazon (Colombia), Dominican Republic and Honduras we decided to invest 100% of our resources in Puerto Rico after Hurricane María.

In 2018 the organization moved its operations to Dorado, a city located in the northern part of Puerto Rico and well known for its rapid growth compared to other areas of the island. Real estate, tourism, small local businesses, construction and health care facilities are just a few areas where this city stands out. Nevertheless in Dorado there are many communities that have been underserved for the last 80 years lacking property titles, proper education, sound infrastructure, as well as experiencing high levels of unemployment, violence and social isolation. So this became our mission, to help underserved communities in Puerto Rico prosper through social, educational and economic development. One city at a time.





# BFF Puerto Rico

Better Future for Puerto Rico

# Community Collaborations International





## Community Collaborations International

Environmental, Disaster Relief and Human Service  
Projects for Volunteer Teams

CCI provides all food, lodging, tools, safety equipment, project materials, insurance and experienced project coordinators

*We serve you so you can serve the community*

**2026 is off to a great start in Puerto Rico!**



**105 volunteers • 3,150 service hours • 6 volunteer teams**

University of Wisconsin  
University of Connecticut  
Lewis & Clark College  
University of Buffalo  
University of Delaware  
Harvard University

Much of the progress we're able to make through our BFF Puerto Rico Project (*Better Future For Puerto Rico*) comes from CCI volunteer teams who choose to participate year after year, allowing projects to build over time and relationships with community partners to deepen.



# Environmental Restoration



Engage in activities **like working in tree nurseries, conservation and preservation projects in El Yunque National Forest, and participate in marine debris clean ups.** All of these projects have a significant positive impact on Puerto Rico's environment and communities.

Our collective work contributes to environmental sustainability, community resilience, and the well-being of both people and nature. By working together to protect and restore Puerto Rico's natural resources, volunteers play a vital role in building a more sustainable and resilient future for the island.



# Housing Support



Housing reconstruction projects in Puerto Rico after Hurricane Maria are crucial for addressing immediate humanitarian needs, promoting community resilience, fostering economic recovery, and building a more sustainable and equitable future for all residents.



# Community Supported Agriculture



Engage in activities **assisting local agriculture to help lower the amount of food imported.**



# Early Childhood Education



# BFF Puerto Rico Sample 8 Day - Project Plan



## Day 1

- ▶ Arrival at Luis Muñoz Marin International Airport pick up 5pm
- ▶ Transfer to Volunteer Facility
- ▶ Dinner at Volunteer Facility Orientation



## Day 2

- ▶ Breakfast at Volunteer Facility
- ▶ Rainforest Trail Maintenance Project
- ▶ Lunch
- ▶ Continue Project
- ▶ Dinner at Volunteer Facility



### Day 3

- Breakfast at Volunteer Facility
- Housing Improvement Project
- Lunch
- Continue Project
- Dinner at Volunteer Facility



### Day 4

- Breakfast at Volunteer Facility
- Housing Improvement Project
- Lunch
- Continue Project
- Dinner at Volunteer Facility



### Day 5

- Breakfast at Volunteer Facility
- Community Agriculture Project
- Lunch
- Continue Project
- Dinner at Volunteer Facility



### Day 6

- ▶ Breakfast at Volunteer Facility
- ▶ Onsite Camp Improvement Projects
- ▶ Lunch
- ▶ Visit Boys and Girls Club
- ▶ Dinner at Volunteer Facility



### Day 7

- ▶ Breakfast at Volunteer Facility
- ▶ Explore El Escambrón Beach Coral Reef and learn about challenges to Puerto Rico's coral reefs.
- ▶ Dinner at Volunteer Facility



### Day 8

- ▶ Breakfast at Volunteer Facility
- ▶ Prep for Departure
- ▶ Drop at the airport 2 hours before the flight

# Hopkinton Rotary Puerto Rico Trip Community Collaborations Int'l



**We have 'reserved/held' the dates of February 17-24, 2027**

- We have confirmed that a ratio of more adults than students is fine (Majority adult Rotarians and a few Interact students)

## **Cost:**

### **Puerto Rico Project Service Fee:**

\$188 per volunteer per day (projects are typically 7 nights and 8 days) covers all food, lodging, in-country transportation, volunteer project management, a full-time bilingual guide, liability insurance, support of recovery activities, and a recreational/educational activity. \*CCI provides everything you and your team need from the time we pick you up at the airport to the time we drop you off at the airport, **international airfare and related costs are not included.**

- \$1504 plus airfare, per person if 10 attend
- \$1344 plus airfare, per person if 15 attend

# Community Collaborations Int'l



## Pros:

- Turn Key for our first venture
- Safe
- Proven and approved by Hopkinton High Interact – a ‘known’ experience for us to invite current Interact students to attend with families and school comfortable
- Gets us on the island to connect with San Juan Rotary, and to visit Hunger Corp where the Keene and Elm Street Rotary volunteer every February for future trip ideas

## Cons:

- May seem a bit rote, but we can pair this with interaction with San Juan Rotary Club, and use it as an educational first venture to design future trips
- CCI’s target market is college students, but we will be there before the Spring Break rotation begins. Hopkinton Interact was the first trip of the year and had the campus to themselves

# Next Steps



**By June 1: Let Kirsti know if you are interested**

**\$\$ depends on headcount but roughly:**

**October 1: Deposit due - \$403.20**

**December 1: First half of balance due: \$470.40**

**January 1: Second half of balance due: \$470.40**