



Puerto Rico School Supply Drive



The students in Puerto Rico are still recovering from the devastating impact of Hurricane Maria. The supply kits, including backpacks, pencils, notebooks, erasers, rulers, colored pencils/crayons, glue sticks & sharpeners, will be distributed to schools throughout Puerto Rico by local Rotary Clubs before the next school year begins.

School Supply Drive Dates: Feb – April 12th, 2019

The Need: 500 backpacks full of supplies

The Items:

- Backpacks
- Pencils
- Notebooks
- Erasers
- Rulers
- Colored Pencils/Crayons
- Glue Sticks
- Sharpeners
- Paper & Pens for Notes of Encouragement

How Do You Get It Done: Follow this Step-by-Step Guide

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Step 1: Obtain approval from your school

- Contact your school administrator in charge of student activities.
 - Ask them to approve of a school-wide drive to collect supplies for this service project.
- After the Drive has been approved:
 - Contact other school service clubs & organizations to partner with your Interact club:
 - Student Council
 - National Honor Society
 - Key Club
 - Parent Teacher Association

Step 2: Create a Puerto Rico School Supply Drive Committee

Committee members can share the workload by helping with the following tasks:

- Sign-up for your clubs commitment: <https://tinyurl.com/InteractFling2k19>
- Contact your Rotary Club to partner with Interact
- Make & distribute flyers and posters
- Put the information on your school announcements
- Send texts to their friends
- Post on social media
- Tell your local media at school and in your city
- Count & sort the supplies at the end of your drive
- Deliver the supplies to Spring Fling on April 13th, 2019

Step 3: Have Fun & Be Creative

- Have a club meeting to decorate 2-3 large cardboard boxes & signs
- Make the collection boxes colorful with “Interact Puerto Rico School Supply Donations”
- Place the collections boxes in easy to be seen locations

Step 4: Make designated “Collection Days”

- Fridays are good days where your Interact Club can stay after school in a designated classroom to collect items
- Tally the number of items donated on a sheet of paper
- Sign off on the pre-determined service points based on a system where a certain number of items donated are equivalent to one point.

Step 5: Spread the Word & Build Excitement

- Partner with other clubs
- Keep your school updated on your progress
- Tell them why donating schools supplies to Puerto Rico matters!

Final Step: Have More Fun & Recruit people to your club!