



## Rotary Clubs of Orleans & Ottawa South & the Dominican Community of Ottawa Step Up to help Dominica after Hurricane

### Hurricane Maria: Dominica Humanitarian Relief Project (Ottawa)

In response to Hurricane Maria, the Rotary Club of Ottawa South and the Rotary Club of Orleans, in partnership with the Dominica Association of Ottawa are working together to raise funds to assist the small island Dominica. As we did with Tropical Storm Erika, we will also be working with the two Rotary Clubs in Dominica, who have feet on the ground and can best assess the need.

On the night of September 18 and into the morning on September 19, 2017, Hurricane Maria tore apart the small Caribbean island of the Commonwealth of Dominica. With a death toll of 27, the whole island was declared a Special Disaster area resulting in damages of \$1.3B USD or over 246% of the country's 2016 GDP.

Dominica, situated between Martinique and Guadeloupe and known as the Nature Island of the Caribbean, was made famous as a pristine tropical paradise. Now it has been torn apart, leaving its 72,000 inhabitants in shock. The destruction is widespread and deep, with homes, communities, towns and cities destroyed, crops and roads torn up, schools and hospitals blown apart. Some villages are still inaccessible by road and communication has yet to be fully re-established, many fleeing the island.

Tens of thousands of people across Ottawa and Canada have direct ties to Dominica, and every Canadian who knows the situation is overwhelmed by the suffering that has descended on those who live there.

**You can help by making a donation and/or attending our** Fundraiser & Silent Auction that will be held November 25th at the Cultural Arts Studio, 40 Colonnade Rd. North from 10:00am to 6:00pm. You can **Donate on-line** by going to the Dominica Association of Ottawa website <https://dominica-association-ottawa.com> or **Cheques** can be made payable to the **Rotary Club of Ottawa South** and sent to address below. **The Rotary Club of Ottawa South is a registered charity** and Donations of \$20 or more are eligible for a tax receipt.

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The Chair of the Committee, Julia Ginley said, "Funds raised are planned to be used for needs in the Education Sector where there is an estimated \$94M in damages. Ultimate priorities will be identified with the assistance of the Rotary Clubs in Dominica and the Ministry of Education in Dominica." For more information & reports on how funds were spent after Tropical Storm Erika please visit: <https://www.facebook.com/communityforwaitikubuli/>.

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Julia Ginley".

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