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Durable Medical Equipment Arrives For U. S. Virgin Islands

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Fifteen pallets of donated durable medical equipment – hospital beds, wheelchairs, shower chairs, walkers, canes, asthma pumps, CPAP machines and blood pressure monitors – have arrived on St. Croix, the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) announced Wednesday.

Voluntary agencies, the USVI Long Term Recovery Groups and FEMA are working together to distribute the equipment to survivors who need it, FEMA said.

The Friends of Disabled Adults and Children (FODAC) donated the equipment. Good360.org and GotLift organized shipping to the territory. The St. Croix Christian

Church paid for transportation of the shipping pallets from the port of Frederiksted to a FEMA warehouse.

Since Hurricanes Irma and Maria, the territory has constantly received and welcomed support from those willing to help hurricane survivors. While a lot of the provisions have been made available through the federal government, a huge part has been played by unsung nonprofit organizations and even individuals, many of whom shun the limelight but have donated items, money and their time.

In the immediate aftermath of Hurricane Irma, for example, St. Croix residents quickly mobilized to send emergency needs -- from non-perishable food items to generators for power -- to St. Thomas and St. John. Private citizens with boats did not hesitate to ferry the goods to the sister islands using their own resources. It was indeed a sight to behold.

Below, a video of that generosity on display.

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