

The Virgin Islands Consortium

NYC Eastern Caribbean Relief Fund Donates \$120,000 To Schneider Hospital To Assist With Replacement Of Critical Equipment

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The NYC Eastern Caribbean Relief Fund Inc. recently provided a donation of \$120,000 to the Schneider Regional Medical Center Foundation to assist with the replacement of critical equipment lost in the wakes of Hurricanes Irma and Maria, according to a recently issued release. The NYC Eastern Caribbean Relief Fund said it has been collecting donations since September 2017 to help organizations which provide services to accommodate the needs of the island communities.

The organization expressed gratitude to those who have donated, and encourage the continued support of the relief efforts in the Caribbean.

"While there is still a great deal of work to be completed throughout the Caribbean, the NYC Eastern Caribbean Relief Fund and the organizations in receipt of the allocated donations, are grateful to those who have donated and to those supporting the relief efforts," said Tom Mukamal, vice-chairman of the NYC Eastern Caribbean Relief Fund Inc. and CEO of IGY Marinas. "The islands have made significant progress in the recovery efforts, and while there are still many projects to be completed, we are confident the continued support of relief funds will help the islands recover."

The quest of Schneider Regional Medical Center (SRMC) is to provide patients with the best medical and healthcare service throughout the Caribbean and to be renowned as the finest medical and healthcare provider in the region. The medical facilities, Roy Lester Schneider Hospital (St. Thomas) and Myrah Keating Smith Community Health Center (St. John), both associated with SRMC, remained open to provide care during the September 2017 hurricanes, Irma and Maria. These facilities also serve as the only emergency care facilities on said islands. The Charlotte Kimelman Cancer Institute, also associated with SMRC, is one of the few facilities throughout the Caribbean offering cancer treatments to those in need. As a direct result of the storms, the facilities need to replace critical care equipment that were damaged in the storm, and the funds received from the NYC Eastern Caribbean Relief Fund will be utilized for the purchase of these items, according to the release.

According to the release, the NYC Eastern Caribbean Relief Fund was created in September 2017 by Island Global Yachting, Ltd. and its parent company, Island Capital Group, LLC, after Hurricanes Irma and Hurricane Maria devastated parts of the Caribbean. With a goal to raise \$5 million to continue assisting those affected by Hurricane Irma and Hurricane Maria, contributions have been received from several of IGY's partners and investors.

For more information or to make a donation to the hurricane relief fund, visit <https://nyceasterncaribbeanrelieffundinc.com>.

Feature Image: From left to right: Phil Blake, General Manager Yacht Haven Grande, Elizabeth DiDomenico, General Manager American Yacht Harbor, myself, Shanique Woods Boschulte Foundation Coordinator SRMC and Darryl Smalls, Vice President of Facilities at SRMC.