Dear NNSTOY Colleagues:

At present many teachers in Puerto Rico have returned to their classrooms. Although students will not be returning to school until mid-October, our hard-working colleagues in many areas around the island are working diligently to make their classrooms a safe and comfortable place post “Maria.” As you can well imagine, many are lacking the basic supplies (and support) to accomplish this important task.

My dear friend and incredible teacher, Vivian Rivera Maysonet and I have been discussing a way to assist teachers. Although there are many schools in Puerto Rico, helping one is a start that perhaps could start a movement of “Material for Maestros” allowing schools on the US mainland to adopt a school on the island. Miss Vivian would like her school to be “adopted” by loving teachers in the US, particularly NNSTOY members.

The first school in need is Thomas Alva Edison School, a PreK-12 Private School in Caguas, Puerto Rico. You can check them out at the website: http://taespr.org/. Any supplies you and your students could send would be greatly appreciated. Here is what TAESPR students and teachers need most:

- Water
- Snacks
- Board games
- Any Books
- Coloring books
- Markers/Colored pencils
- Paper/Notebooks
- Hand Sanitizer
- Tampons and pads (for the teenagers)
- Bug spray
- Encouraging letters to students from students
- Encouraging letters to teachers from teachers

TAESPR will also be sharing these supplies and letters with other schools in the area that are in need. They are committed to ensuring all schools are given the opportunity to receive aid.

If you are interested in adopting the school, please send your supplies to Cidra, one of the few the working post offices:

Vivian Rivera Maysonet  
SCHOOL SUPPLIES  
Estancias del Bosque 891 Los Robles Cidra PR 00739

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Sincerely,

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