On September 20, 2017, Hurricane Maria made a direct hit on the American territory of Puerto Rico. Roughly the equivalent of a 50-mile-wide tornado in destruction and force, the hurricane, the fifth-strongest storm to ever hit the US, decimated the island. The storm destroyed 80 percent of power lines, cut off access for millions to communication and left hundreds of thousands in a desperate and ongoing search for food and clean water. Hospitals are overrun with those needing care, and of the hospitals that are open, many are running on limited supplies and unstable generator power.

In October, Globus Relief donated a truckload of medical supplies, valued at $314,675.98, to assist with ongoing relief efforts in Puerto Rico. The project began with a connection between Wilfred Rosas, the mayor of Dunkirk, New York, Hector Rosas, the city’s Special Events Coordinator, and Globus Relief. Working with Jacob Sam, owner of shipping company Agricultural Transport, the team arranged for transport of the 26 pallets of medical supplies to Buffalo, New York, to await transport to Puerto Rico.

With the help of New York State Governor Andrew Cuomo and his team, these supplies will be shipped and disbursed to hospitals in Puerto Rico in collaboration with the Puerto Rican government and the US Army National Guard Armory of Buffalo, New York. Said Mayor Rosas, “As mayor I stand proud of our city of Dunkirk...in their help toward the relief effort for the people of Puerto Rico. I am just happy to be a part of it.” We at Globus feel the same way.