

**Subject:** Your Help Is Needed for Monkey Island (Cayo Santiago) - BRBL Foundation  
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Dear 2017 TRBAALAS Member.

Many of you may recall the wonderful presentation Dr. Matthew Kessler did on May 19, 2016, regarding the Cayo Santiago Rhesus Monkey Colony, and his work at the Caribbean Primate Research Center Cayo Santiago Field Station. As you will read below, this and the Sebaná Seca Field Station were hit head on by Hurricane Maria, and in need of support. If you are so inclined to make a donation, it is recommended that you use the following or attached vs. any of the GoFundMe accounts that have been established. Using the provided donation hyperlinks, you're guaranteed that your contribution will go where it is intended.

The PayPal link below is no longer valid due to it being embedded within another organization's communication. To do an online donation go to <http://myemail.constantcontact.com/Support-The-Puerto-Rico-Relief-Fund.html?soid=1107826974719&aid=BHKPI05cmls>

This is their home page: <http://www.brblf.org/>

Professional organizations in our industry are routing people to donate via BRBL Fdn. This foundation is legit and is already delivering supplies to the CPRC using Crowley shipping. Attached are some photos, doc and receipt for a donation one of our members made through another professional organization they belong to.



Dear Friends and Colleagues,

As you are aware, Hurricane Maria has had a devastating impact in Puerto Rico. The Caribbean Primate Research Center (CPRC) facilities, both Sabana Seca Field Station and Cayo Santiago, were no exception. The mounting catastrophic damage continues to be assessed and relief efforts are ongoing.

Within a few hours after the height of the hurricane and while risking their own lives, the dedicated staff at CPRC initiated the recovery efforts. All animals have been secured along with food/water supplies despite the extremely difficult situation. What the staff has accomplished with minimal to no resources is the result of heroic efforts.

However, there is a lot more that needs to be done to stabilize and operationalize both facilities. Recovery will not be possible without the generous support and contributions of the organizations and individuals who recognize the unique role of CPRC in serving the biomedical and behavioral research community.

Better Research Better Life Foundation (BRBLF) has made a commitment to provide support and relief to CPRC and has been actively communicating with CPRC leadership and staff overseeing the facility. Our short-term strategy was to address the following:

- Re-establish communications: BRBLF has donated 4 satellite phones to facilitate effective communications. These phones have allowed CPRC staff and leadership to re-establish communications within CPRC and externally.
- Provide food, water, generators and construction material among other essentials which are urgently needed for the CPRC facility, staff and their families. There is a collaborative effort among academia, industry and governmental agencies to acquire and transport the necessary supplies to CPRC **as soon as possible**.

By gathering funds and resources to accomplish the above short-term objectives, we can help stabilize the conditions and focus on the rebuilding efforts.

We encourage you to help support the relief efforts through donations to BRBLF or to another charitable organization of your choice. BRBLF is a 501c3 non-profit charitable organization dedicated to the betterment of research. One of BRBLF's core objectives is to assist the research community, and we hope to garner your support in achieving that objective during this catastrophic event. Please feel free to share this message with others who may have an interest in supporting the relief efforts.

**All donations will go to the victims of Hurricane Maria at CPRC and are fully tax deductible.**

Donations By Check:

- **Payable To:** Better Research Better Life Foundation (BRBLF)
- **Mail To:** 5781 Lee Blvd. #208-361, Lehigh Acres, FL 33971
- **Memo:** CPRC Hurricane Disaster Relief Fund
- Please notify us of your donation by emailing us at [Info@BRBLF.org](mailto:Info@BRBLF.org)

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