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## Sanders Concludes Successful Haiti Hurricane Relief Drive

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State Senator James Sanders Jr. (D-Rochdale Village, Far Rockaway) hosted a successful Haiti Hurricane Relief Drive over the last few weeks, collecting items for the victims of Hurricane Matthew. It culminated today with the donations being picked up by representatives of the Consulate General of Haiti in New York, who will ship it to the storm ravaged country.

“We have all seen the terrible images of the destruction caused by Hurricane Matthew, and we could not stand idly by knowing that there were people in need,” Sanders said. “The success of this relief drive is a testament to the generosity and good will of the people in this community. Whether they were compelled to donate because they are of Haitian descent, or

because they themselves received help after Hurricane Sandy, or if it was just a simple act of kindness – the point is, they gave, and now many will benefit.”

Donated items including many dozens of boxes and bags of non-perishable food, clothing, and toiletries. There were so many goods that the consulate representatives were able to fill an entire U-Haul Truck. It will be taken to their warehouse in Deer Park Long Island, after which they will work with Governor Cuomo’s office to ship it to Florida, where it will be packed and stacked in containers and then loaded onto a boat headed to Haiti.

“I would like to thank you for being so generous to our country,” Garry Dorlean, press attaché to the Haitian Consulate said. “We would like God to bless all the people who made donations. The people in Haiti need food, clothes and shelter after Hurricane Matthew left a sour taste in their mouth. We know Mother Nature sometimes hits places on earth. One day Haiti will stand up and do her part to help other people the way they have helped her.”