

Dear Neighbors,

Thank you for your unwavering support over the past decade. Without your contributions, the Northeast Bronx community would lack vibrancy, warmth and most of all the willingness to assist others in need. Last year, following the landfall of the devastating category five Hurricane Melissa in Jamaica, our community stood up and did what we do best, help our family and friends by spearheading a food and clothing drive at the Northeast Bronx YMCA. YOU came out in droves to the Northeast Bronx YMCA, bringing nonperishable food items, new clothing, toiletries, first aid materials and equipment, allowing for our New York Delegation Humanitarian efforts to come alive.

While in Jamaica, we distributed these much needed items across many sites that were impacted. From schools, churches and community centers across the parish of Westmoreland, hundreds of people were served, and for that I would like to thank you. The widespread devastation and destruction brought by the historic storm was hard to witness, but the true spirit of the island shone through.



While the first leg of our humanitarian efforts has come and gone, we know there is much more work left to be done, as the people of the island of Jamaica are still feeling the aftereffects of Melissa, the third most intense hurricane in the Atlantic and the strongest to make landfall on the island of Jamaica since Hurricane Gilbert in 1988. This effort is ongoing, and we will continue to work towards providing resources, illustrating just how much we can do when we work together to get things done!

With Love and Hope,

Assemblyman Carl E. Heastie



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Jamaica Love: NYS Humanitarian Effort to Assist in Building Back Jamaica Following Hurricane Melissa



From left to right, Assemblyman Noah Burroughs, Rep. Ritchie Torres, Councilman Kevin C. Riley, Assemblyman Carl E. Heastie, Senator Jamaal T. Bailey

Food insecurity and lack of basic supplies hit communities across the country. As we witnessed the magnitude of need, the NYS Delegation in response distributed nonperishable food items and hygiene bags to persons and families. (December, 2025)



Hurricane Melissa dealt a heavy blow to the local YMCA, Y's Menettes Resource Center, leaving them without a roof and all technology destroyed, and many families who utilized the space were left without. With the help of Assemblyman Heastie and collaboration from the New York Delegation, resources were secured to restore this lifeline and reopen its doors. With rebuilding efforts underway, a new roof will be constructed and computers will be provided, giving families a renewed spirit and hope of a brighter future to come.

Although the news stations are no longer showing the devastation on the island, we know all too well that the rebuilding efforts must continue. In efforts to maintain our partnership with the many dignitaries of Jamaica and assist in the rehabilitation of the communities most impacted by Hurricane Melissa, in April 2026, we planned another mission trip to ensure all goods were delivered, more nonperishable goods were distributed and that all projects, including roof repair for several schools, hospitals and community centers had begun.



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"Giving back isn't about recognition - it is about connection. The smallest act of kindness can have long lasting impact, more than what meets the eye. You may never meet the person who you assisted, and you may never hear their story, but that doesn't take away from the mission - assisting others and building community."

- Assemblyman Carl E. Heastie