

## B'nai B'rith International



B'nai B'rith International is a faith-based non-profit, known as the voice of the Global Jewish Community. Since 1843, B'nai B'rith has delivered community programs and services that provide help and hope to those in need.

B'nai B'rith is recognized as a vital voice in promoting Jewish unity and continuity, a staunch defender of the State of Israel, a tireless advocate on behalf of senior citizens and a leader in disaster relief.

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## B'nai B'rith International Website

### https://www.bnaibrith.org/



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B'nai B'rith International will be there to help communities in Israel rebuild and recover. Partner with us by making a gift to the B'nai Birith International Israel Emergency Fund

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#### OUR WORK





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#### **Center for Senior Services**

#### Please check these links for the latest up-to-date information regarding COVID-19:

The Center for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) has issued vaccination toolkits for healthcare teams and community administrators: Vaccination Toolkits

The CDC has issued guidance for Federally-Assisted Housing: Preventing the Spread of COVID-19 in Retirement Communities and Independent Living Facilities (Interim Guidance

Considerations for Owners and Operators of Multifamily Housing Including Populations at Increased Risk for Complications from COVID-19

> Department of Housing and Urban Development: Q&A Questions and Answers for Office of Multifamily Housing Stakeholders

Guidance on COVID-19 from the US Department of Health and Human Services, Administration for Community Living (ACL): COVID-19 Guidance for Older Adults

#### CSS Response to COVID-19



#### **Our Mission Statement**

The mission of B'nai B'rith Senior Housing is to provide seniors with quality, affordable housing in a secure, supportive community environment, without regard to religion, race or national origin in order to maximize their independent and dignified lifestyle. B'nai B'rith International is the largest national Jewish sponsor of subsidized senior housing in the United States thru the B'nai B'rith International Center for Senior Services (CSS). We have 37 buildings located in 28 communities in 17 states, with 4,500 apartments housing more than 5,000 residents in the US





# B'nai B'rith International Center for Senior Services (CSS)



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## The Center for Senior Services Provides....

- Training for Management Professionals & Service Coordinators
- Training for members of Boards of Directors
- Programs for the housing communities
- Ongoing consulting
- Training for residents—The Resident Leadership Retreat
- Advocacy on Federal Issues that Affect our Residents— Including Meetings with Your Congressional Offices
- Works with Federal Agencies such as HUD, HHS, CDC

B'nai B'rith International Center for Community Action Disaster Relief



Since 1843, B'nai B'rith International has been responding to natural and man made disasters in the US and around the world on a local and international level including during the Pandemic

# Major Disaster Relief Efforts by B'nai B'rith International

- 1995 Oklahoma City Bombing
- 2004 Asian Tsunami
- 2005 Hurricane Katrina
- 2010 Haiti Earthquake
- 2012 Hurricane Sandy
- 2017 Hurricane Harvey
- 2017 Hurricane Maria
- 2020/2021 Pandemic Relief



## Medical team on the ground in Haiti





# Hurricane Maria 2017-2019

- On Wednesday, September 20, 2017, Hurricane Maria slammed into Puerto Rico as a Category 5 storm.
- Puerto Rico suffered catastrophic damage and a major humanitarian crisis
- Most residents lived months without running water, electricity, internet or phone service (landlines and cell service)
- Many roads and bridges were impassable or destroyed for over a year
- The few farms on the island were destroyed, and it showed how dependent the island was on imported food that could be produced in Puerto Rico

## Hurricane Maria Service Project

In May 2019, your managers and service coordinators participated in a B'nai B'rith International Disaster Relief service project at Siembra Tres Vidas in Aibonito, Puerto Rico, an organic farm in the mountains about a 90 minute drive from San Juan. This is an initiative to make the island less dependent on imported food.

Due to a lack of workers, there was a mass exodus of people from the island after the storm, and volunteer labor is critical to help these new farms plant, pick and process produce.

# Working on the farm





























# Making a difference!



## B'nai B'rith International Disaster Relief Coronavirus Pandemic 2020/2021

- Sent PPE supplies to Italy and Uruguay
- Distributed masks and hygiene packages across the US
- Assisted buildings in the CSS Housing Network with donations of food, supplies and masks for residents





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# Over 175 years of people helping people