

NYC giving \$1.5 million worth of supplies to hurricane evacuees

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"It's just beautiful what a little love can do to bring some sanity into the lives of those that have just been uprooted in a very dramatic way," said City Council Speaker Melissa Mark-Viverito. (BARRY WILLIAMS/FOR NEW YORK DAILY NEWS)

The city is giving out more than \$1.5 million worth of supplies to Puerto Ricans who have come to New York after Hurricane Maria devastated their island, officials said Monday.

At a service center for hurricane evacuees in East Harlem, families can get coats, warm clothes, bedding and other household supplies.



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“Many hope that it will be a temporary transition. But literally, people are not prepared, these families are not prepared for being here at this time when it’s winter and it’s cold. They don’t have clothing. They don’t have coats.”

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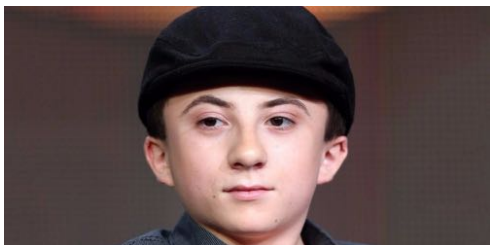
The Mayor’s Fund to Advance New York City teamed up with Macy’s, Target, and the charity Delivering Good to collect supplies for the hurricane victims.

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More than 1,700 families have visited the East Harlem center.



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Macy's donated 800 coats worth \$40,000 to be given out to people in need at a marketplace at the center, and Target donated \$10,000 in gift cards to help buy schools supplies and other items.

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