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A Little Help for our Friends, This Time from DFW

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It has been two weeks since Hurricane Maria devastated Puerto Rico, and American Airlines continues to build upon its relief efforts on the island. On Oct. 5, team members at Dallas/Fort Worth International Airport (DFW) operated their first flight to San Juan (SJU) since the storm with 121 customers, six crew members and 3,100 pounds of relief supplies onboard.

The supplies are among more than 4,500 packages recently sent from American Airlines team members to family and friends as part of Operation Puerto Rico Strong.

Working the flight were three natives of Puerto Rico, including Flight Attendant Edwin Toro and Customer Service Managers Sara Norero and Walter Santana. Walter recently flew to the island from Miami (MIA) to bring his parents back to the mainland – an emotional journey documented in the video below.





American Airlines was the first airline to arrive in SJU after Hurricane Maria struck the island, cutting power and demolishing infrastructure. Since that time, the airline has provided more than 110 flights into and out of the city and flown more widebody aircraft than any other passenger carrier, enabling American to transport significant numbers of people and relief supplies. The airline will continue to add flights as airport conditions improve.