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Caribbean Recovery Continues with St. Croix Rescue Mission

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American continues lending a helping hand to our team members throughout the Caribbean, delivering much needed supplies to destinations that have been heavily impacted by hurricanes Irma and Maria: San Juan (SJU), St. Thomas (STT), St. Croix (STX) and St. Maarten (SXM).

On Oct. 3, American flew a rescue mission to STX, taking 5,000 pounds of relief supplies to our more than 20 Envoy team members there. We also brought back 135 evacuees from the island. Lending a helping hand to our STX team members were Alfredo Gonzalez, managing director, Caribbean; Migdoel Rosa, vice president, Envoy, MIA and Mark Nelson, general manager, U.S. Virgin Islands. Regular service to STX begins on Thursday, Oct. 5 with one daily flight from MIA, and we are tentatively scheduled to resume operations to SXM on Friday, Oct. 6. Service to STT resumed on Thursday. Sept. 28; airport conditions had prevented operations since Hurricane Irma devastated the island in early September.

At SJU, our 400 colleagues receive supplies daily as they work under very difficult circumstances. Cargo has delivered more than 1,000,000 pounds of relief supplies to the island, and since restarting operations on Sept. 22, we have transported more than 10,000 people from Puerto Rico. We continue to expand our SJU operation as well. Last Friday, Sept. 29, we resumed service from CLT and ORD and this Thursday, Oct. 5, we will resume service from DFW.

“Our team is doing an outstanding job under very difficult circumstances,” said Alfredo. “Starting service is critical to recovery and rebuilding efforts.”