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The Student Government Assembly Executive Committee would like to extend our thoughts to those affected by Hurricane Dorian. On August 24, one of the strongest recorded hurricanes devastated the Bahamas and continued to the East Coast of the United States. At least 50 people are dead, thousands are missing, and many have been displaced for the foreseeable future.

As students at one of the largest and top universities in the nation, we are in a unique position to use our privilege, education, and resources to support those in their time of need. This can be through monetary donations, donating items, and/or thoughtful reflection.

Per the request of the University of the Bahamas, you can direct monetary funds to assist the university at https://www.ub.edu.bs/hurricane-relief/. Donations will be used for relief and restoration efforts for the University of Bahamas North campus. To donate to a local hurricane relief fund, we recommend https://www.gofundme.com/f/headknowles-emergency-funds.

If you wish to donate items to those affected, the Bahamian Consulate General in New York located at 231 East 46th Street is collecting items. A full list of needed items can be found at https://www.facebook.com/BAHCONNY/.

For communal reflection of Hurricane Dorian, please join us for a vigil on the steps of the Kimmel Center for University Life on Tuesday, September 17, 2019 from 4:30-5:00 pm.

As Student Government, we will continue to support our Bahamian students and those with Bahamian heritage at this time. You can always reach us at student.government@nyu.edu. Other resources on campus include, but are not limited to, the Caribbean Students Association and the Center for Latin American and Caribbean Studies.

During times like these, it is important to understand the gravity of the impacts that people are facing. We continue to hold students and families from the Bahamas in our hearts as they continue to feel the storm’s impact.

Sending light and love,
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