

## **Pérez Art Museum Miami Collaborates with Food For the Poor on St. Vincent Volcano Relief Efforts**

### ***PAMM Accepting Donations and Supplies April 22–25, 2021***

(Miami, FL — April 16, 2021) — **Pérez Art Museum Miami (PAMM)**, in collaboration with **Food For The Poor**, will be collecting urgently needed supplies for those affected by the St. Vincent volcano La Soufrière, which spewed ash and hot gas early Tuesday in the latest eruption since volcanic activity began late last week. PAMM will offer up to two free passes for admission in exchange for donations received **April 22–25, 2021**, during [regular museum hours](#).

Items that will be accepted include: personal hygiene products such as toothpaste, deodorant and soap, cleaning supplies such as brooms, mops, buckets and shovels, baby supplies including diapers and wipes, sleeping cots or mats, pressure washers, respirator masks with filters, goggles and reflective vests. Items can be dropped off at PAMM for free admission or at Food For the Poor's Coconut Creek warehouse, 6401 Lyons Road, from 9am–4pm weekdays. Masks and social distancing are required.

Because of the eruptions, St. Vincent residents are in a quickly mounting humanitarian crisis—many have been displaced and left without clean water or electricity. La Soufrière's eruption has forced approximately 30 villages on the northern portion of the island to evacuate, and the World Health Organization and The Pan American Health Organization estimate that 16,000 to 20,000 people have been affected.

This is the most recent collaboration between PAMM and Food For the Poor, who partnered in 2019 to collect donations for those affected by Hurricane Dorian in the Bahamas.

For more information, please go to [www.foodforthe poor.org/vincentrelief](http://www.foodforthe poor.org/vincentrelief).

#### **ABOUT FOOD FOR THE POOR**

Food For The Poor, one of the largest international relief and development organizations in the nation, does much more than feed millions of the hungry poor primarily in 17 countries of the Caribbean and Latin America. This interdenominational Christian ministry provides emergency relief assistance, clean water, medicine, educational materials, homes, support for orphaned or abandoned children, care for the aged, skills training, and micro-enterprise development assistance. For more information, please visit [FoodForThePoor.org](http://FoodForThePoor.org).

#### **ABOUT PAMM**

Pérez Art Museum Miami (PAMM), led by Director Franklin Sirmans, promotes artistic expression and the exchange of ideas, advancing public knowledge and appreciation of art, architecture, and design, and reflecting the diverse community of its pivotal geographic location at the crossroads of the Americas. The 36-year-old South Florida institution, formerly known as Miami Art Museum (MAM), opened a new building, designed by world-renowned architects Herzog & de Meuron, on December 4, 2013 in Downtown Miami's Maurice A. Ferré Park. The facility is a state-of-the-art model for sustainable museum design and progressive programming and features 200,000 square feet of indoor and outdoor program space with flexible galleries; shaded outdoor verandas; a waterfront restaurant and bar; a museum shop; and an education center with a library, media lab, and classroom spaces.

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