Rapper Pitbull Sends Plane for Puerto Rican Cancer Patients

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Many celebrities have stepped up to provide aid to Puerto Rico following Hurricane Maria's devastating impact on the island last week, and rapper Pitbull is the latest to lend a hand. The Grammy Award winner recently sent his private plane to transport cancer patients to the U.S. mainland for treatment, reports The Mighty.

Hurricane Maria rampaged through Puerto Rico causing widespread destruction and leaving the U.S. territory that's home to 3.5 million residents without power. The U.S. Department of Defense reported on Tuesday that only 11 of 69 hospitals had fuel or power. Without electricity, patients are unable to receive necessary treatment and supplies, which is why Pitbull decided to take action.

Born Armando Christian Pérez, the Miami native has his own connection to the Caribbean. Both his parents were born in Cuba, though they fled the country decades ago. Also known as Mr. Worldwide, Pitbull's music career spans 16 years. His hits include "I Know You Want Me (Calle Ocho)," "Give Me Everything" and "Timber." He's also known for featuring a variety of artists, such as Jennifer Lopez and Marc Anthony on his tracks. Lopez and Anthony, who were once married, have teamed up for their own Puerto Rican relief effort called "Somos Una Voz" ("We Are One Voice"), reports CNN.

These celebrities, as well as many others, are being praised for their support of Puerto Rico. Meanwhile, President Donald Trump has been harshly criticized for his delayed response to the disaster.

Pitbull, who released his album Climate Change in March, is currently on a 35-show tour with Spanish singer Enrique Iglesias. Through a spokesperson, he told The New York Daily News, "Thank God we're blessed to help. Just doing my part."

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