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## The Children's Table's effort to help Puerto Rico continues showing success



**A forklift moves material to be distributed to people. Food and supplies were among the first shipment from The Children's Table.**

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**BRONSON** – Bill Brown, a founder of The Children's Table, shared an update on progress by the group in regard to its part of the effort to help Puerto Rico's residents recover from disaster.

Despite suffering from influenza, Brown provided information via telephone on Wednesday (Jan. 17).

"This is big in Levy County," Brown said in regard to the success so far and the projected progress seen as happening in the coming months.

Brown said he is the chairman of a five-person committee that is leading the effort for The Children's Table and several churches. He is the only non-minister in the group.

Rev. Gilbert and Evelyn Abrueo with Night Runners Mobile Crisis Services Inc. are among the leaders in this effort.

Night Runners Mobile Crisis Services Inc. has responded to disasters in America and abroad. This is the 10th disaster where they have helped people who were put in dire situations after catastrophes, Brown said.

The first shipment from The Children's Table has started to be distributed to people in need through various pastors in Puerto Rico, Brown said. The first shipment arrived at the Port of Mayagüez in Puerto Rico on Monday (Jan. 15).

The boat is on the way back to Jacksonville now, Brown said, and that is where it will pick up the next load.

There are currently 150 pallets of supplies waiting to be shipped to Puerto Rico, Brown said.