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Collegians will bear supplies to Puerto Rico

Wagner four plan trip in December

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Four students from Wagner College who volunteer in the community have decided to expand their efforts to help with hurricane relief in Puerto Rico.

Pedro Santiago, Allie Calascibetta, Eric Greco and Destiny Padilla plan to visit Puerto Rico in December to bring supplies to those affected by Hurricane Maria.

“We want to donate and distribute the items ourselves,” Santiago said. “We would like to go down there and self-deliver it and meet the people, to see what’s going on down there and see where the supplies are going to.”

The students first reached out to local Staten Island schools to collect donations, supplies and

money to send to Puerto Rico, but wanted to do more.

They are now raising money for items and travel expenses for their trip, which is scheduled for Dec. 14 to 22. While there, they will volunteer at hospitals and schools.

“We thought it would be nice to go down there and see the people that are impacted by this hurricane and see where our stuff is going,” Santiago said.

Those who are interested in donating items can contact Santiago at pedro.santiago@wagner.edu.

The students are part of Wagner College’s Bonner Leaders Program — a program that helps diverse groups of students attend college and engage in community-based service, research and advocacy.

Bonner students spend 10 or more hours each week volunteering in schools, food kitchens and nonprofit organizations on Staten Island. They volunteer for at least 300 hours each year.