



# La Casona de Monteflores

VOLUNTEER HOST SITE  
SAN JUAN, PUERTO RICO



**PRESBYTERIAN  
DISASTER ASSISTANCE**

OUT OF CHAOS, HOPE

# Our Story

Years ago, La Casona de Monteflores ('Casona' translates to 'big house') served as the parish manse, and then as the local community Head Start facility. It was inhabited for few years.

Hurricanes Irma and María caused huge damage in the community. Many houses lost their roofs. Rains and flooding caused several belongings. This emergency invited us to retake the mission of our founder, Rev. Ramón Olivo-Robles, who provided food to the community, made referrals to the Presbyterian Hospital (in San Juan), all the way to house guests (including missionaries) in his own house.

La Casona de Monteflores, next to the Presbyterian Church named after its founder, serves -since December 2017- to house volunteers coming to Puerto Rico to work in the long-term recovery through Presbyterian Disaster Assistance.



**Additional information about PDA's work in Puerto Rico: [linktr.ee/PuertoRicoPDA](https://linktr.ee/PuertoRicoPDA)**



## Our community

Monteflores is a neighborhood located in Santurce, in the north region of San Juan, Puerto Rico. The volunteer host site, located on the premises of the Presbyterian Church, is in the vicinity of Monteflores and Villa Palmeras neighborhoods.

Map to the left: The municipality of San Juan is marked in light gray, including the Santurce area in yellow.

### Address:

350 Calle Ismael Rivera  
San Juan, Puerto Rico 00912

Google Maps: <https://goo.gl/maps/UprwAMrwhHQho1Jz9>

# Registration Fees

Due to maximum capacity set by our work partners, La Casona de Monteflores will provide lodging for for groups with maximum capacity of 12 volunteers. COVID-19 vaccination is no longer required (although still strongly recommended!), but we do ask groups to bring face masks in case they are asked to wear them at some locations as a precautionary measure.

Lodging fee will be **\$35 per person, per night**

Check-in will be after at 3:00 pm, check-out will before 11:00 am. During high season, we have groups in and out of our host site within 1-2 days of difference. Honoring check-in and check-out times will provide our staff to clean-up between groups.

All groups are responsible of coordinating their own transportation and meals. Church parking is available for volunteers at La Casona de Monteflores.

## Policy

1. At your arrival all the beds will be set up and clean for your convenience, we ask that at the end of your stay, gather all sheets, pillow cases, dry towels and leave them all together in the living room area for easier pick up.
2. You are free to use all kitchen appliance and utilities, please make sure to clean everything up and take good care of them. Make sure everything is off before leaving for the day. Please clean the filter of the dryer upon using.
3. La Casona has trash cans and recycle bins available. Please, do not flush toilet paper or any other object. Trash will be taken out at the end of the stay.
4. The Rvdo. Ramon Olivo Robles Presbyterian Church in Monteflores has a fenced parking lot and all rented transportation will be safe there. Please make sure to close the gate upon leaving.
5. All the furniture in La Casona was kindly donated and repurpose we ask that there are not taken outside or get wet, to preserved them in the best conditions possible.
6. La Casona is in church grounds and surrounded by a family oriented community. Having loud music, drinking, smoking, or drugs are not permitted on our facilities.
7. Volunteers will be responsible for taking trash out, and leaving bed lines and wet towels at designated areas before leaving.

All volunteer are responsible of taking care of our volunteer host site furniture, anything broken or damaged will be responsibility of the group to pay for such damages. We also have water heaters for your convenience. Volunteers must have in mind that power and water service may be lost during their stay. We do have a water tank to help out in case water service is interrupted.

La Casona will provide, sheets, pillows and towels. We ensure that the facilities will be in clean and organized at your arrival we expect to receive them in the same way. We do not have air conditioning but do have fans and it is usually breezy and cool.

# Facilities

The volunteer host site is a 3-story building with 5 rooms, 2 kitchens, 2 single bathrooms, shower room with 2 extra showers and toilet, and living room space. The third floor is an open terrace. Pictures only include second floor.

Floor 1: 2 rooms with 1 bunk bed each (bottom bed full size)



First Floor living room



First floor kitchen



First Floor room #1  
(room #2 same layout not in picture)



First Floor bathroom



Second Floor living room / kitchen



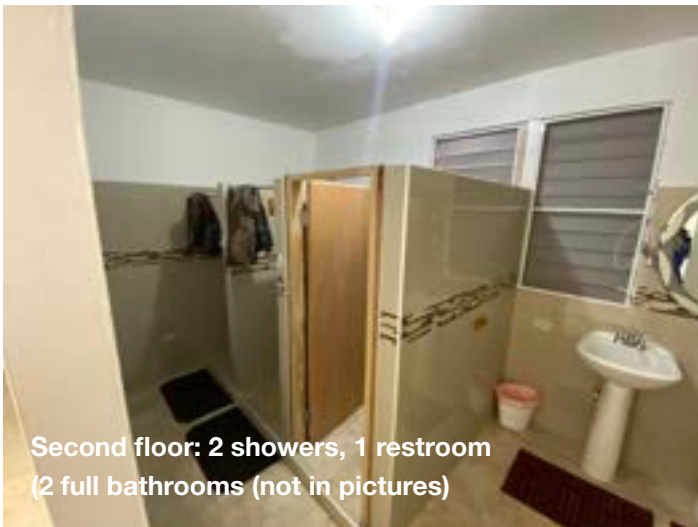
Second Floor Room #1



Second Floor room #2



Second floor room #3



Second floor: 2 showers, 1 restroom  
(2 full bathrooms (not in pictures))



Third floor terrace

## Packing list

- Disposable Face Masks
- Refillable water bottles
- Lunch boxes or meal packs
- Flashlight
- Sunblock
- Mosquito repellent
- First aid kit or any specific medication
- Hat, sunglasses.
- A book and/or journal

