

information accessible by the two employees. This means the hackers may have obtained access to patient's social security numbers, phone numbers, medical information, and much more.

Low income Minnesotans on medical assistance were the main group affected by the breach, but the over 20,000 possibly compromised customers weren't notified that their private information may have been released to hackers until over four months after the breach.

In a meeting of state officials, outrage over the whole situation was plentiful as senators grilled Leah Flygare, the chief privacy official for the DHS. "Could you please try and help us connect why there was such a failure here of four months before folks were notified of the compromising situation of their private data?" asked Sen. Mary Kiffmeyer, (R) Big Lake.

Flygare responded by insisting that the DHS did everything in their power to respond to the situation once they learned of the hack. "We worked as hard as we could, certainly moving forward we'll try to figure out how to move even faster but certainly it wasn't for a lack of diligence on the part of DHS to get those individual notifications out," Flygare said.

According to the DHS, upon learning of the phishing scheme, Minnesota IT secured the accounts and stopped the spread of the emails. In a statement about the hack the department said, "We currently have no evidence that the information was actually clicked, viewed, downloaded, or misused." Unfortunately, this is not the first major data breach that the state has experienced. In 2013 the state suffered two separate data breaches, both involving state employees. The first involved an employee who managed to access the motor vehicle records of more than 5,000 people without having authorization. The second involved a MNSure worker who accidentally sent out the names and social security numbers of over 2,400 insurance agents.

The DHS had this to say, "The Minnesota Department of Human Services takes very seriously our responsibility to protect the private information and data of Minnesotans and will continue our vigilant efforts to uphold the highest standards of IT security and data privacy." Still, many are not left feeling that their privacy is secure. †

Puerto Rico Service Trip

BY ELHAM MOHAMUD

EVERY YEAR, THE CSP C.A.L.L. CENTER allows students to propose a service trip that they would like to lead for the following school year. This year, a group of ten traveled to Puerto Rico to volunteer with All Hands and Hearts in Yabucoa to repair homes that were damaged by Hurricane Maria, an event that took place over sixteen months ago. Yabucoa was the first city that Hurricane Maria hit, affecting over 37,000 residents. These residents went without power or easy access to food, or water for weeks and still today, there are parts of Yabucoa in the mountains that are unreachable. All Hands and Hearts began their mission in Yabucoa in January of 2017 and they don't have an end date in sight.

CSP students spent five full days in the city of Yabucoa. The days began with a 6:00 A.M. wake-up call with the work day ending at 4:30 P.M. Participants spent their time repairing roofs of local houses and school buildings, as well as removing mold to make these spaces liveable for the people of Yabucoa.

From the very first day, the people at All Hands and Hearts, and the local community, welcomed the CSP volunteers and others with open arms. All of the families would cook lunch for the volunteers, spending an hour out of their day to thank us for the work that we were doing. The overwhelming sense of gratitude, pride, and adversity. Co-leader on this trip Anthony Herr said, "This experience made me cherish and appreciate the people I have around me and opportunities I have access to." I like, Anthony was

overwhelmed with my experience at All Hands and Hearts and the people in Yabucoa, every single person I met was there for a purpose and that was to give back to a community that has been devastated and forgotten by the United States and it allowed me to understand the many options there are to help. When a natural disaster occurs it seems like everything is so far away that there isn't much you can do besides send your thoughts, however, with organizations like All Hands and Hearts makes it easier to give back.

If this service trip proved anything it is to always go outside of your comfort zone. If you're reading this and want to lead or attend a service trip, absolutely go for it. †

Alexandra Ocasio-Cortez Moved Forward with Climate Change Deal

BY HALLE MARTIN

DEMOCRATIC REPRESENTATIVE ALEXANDRIA OCASIO-CORTEZ is pushing for a cleaner economy with her proposed Green New Deal. At this time, there are few details but much discussion surrounding the young congress woman's proposal, but Ocasio-Cortez is prepared to take her plan a step further. On February fourth, she announced that the outline for the resolution will be released within the next week, heating up an already hot topic and making headlines.

What we currently know is that the Green New Deal is a decade-long plan that will combat the effects of climate change and greenhouse gas emissions, leading to sustainable energy, new and better job opportunities, and an overall cleaner environment. In Ocasio-Cortez's announcement of the future proposal she states, "In it, we call for a national, social, industrial and economic mobilization at a scale not seen since World War II."

While plenty of lawmakers have already begun to back the congresswoman's proposal, it is not without its naysayers. Many conservatives worry of the estimated 2-7 trillion dollars it could cost to put the Green New Deal into effect. It is incredibly unlikely that the President, Donald Trump, will allow this deal to continue forward. However, Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez seems to be pushing her proposal at just the right time as we head into the 2020 elections, finding supporters in upcoming candidates.

Whether the Green New Deal will pass or not, it is likely we will continue to see many proposals for a cleaner America. With continuous studies, such as The Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change's findings on climate raising beyond dangerous levels by 2030, and the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration's report that the last five years have seen the warmest climate in history, Ocasio-Cortez will not be the last to propose resolutions such as the Green New Deal. We can count on seeing this battle between opposing sides continue into the next few years and what will likely become a hot topic in the upcoming presidential elections. †

