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TOWN OF PALM BEACH UNITED WAY DONATES \$161,950 TO AID HURRICANE RELIEF EFFORTS

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PALM BEACH, Fla., Oct. 5, 2017 – The Town of Palm Beach United Way and its donors are proud to contribute \$161,950 to support hurricane relief efforts in Texas, Florida and the Caribbean.

“Palm Beach County residents know firsthand the challenges that come from a disaster,” said Beth Walton, CEO of the Town of Palm Beach United Way. “The communities that have been affected by these weather events will need incredible resources to recover. As a critical part of a community’s recovery efforts, the Town of Palm Beach United Way is ready to help those whose lives have been affected by natural disasters both in Palm Beach County and elsewhere.”

The Town of Palm Beach United Way recently sent \$75,400 to non-profits in Texas that are helping residents recover from catastrophic flooding caused by Hurricane Harvey. The Category 4 storm landed near the Texas Gulf Coast on Aug. 25 bringing record-breaking rainfall.

Non-profits in the Florida Keys will receive \$55,400 to provide assistance to families devastated by Hurricane Irma. Irma pummeled the Keys after making landfall Sept. 10 as the first major hurricane to hit Florida since 2005.

Checks for \$31,150 are on the way to the United Way of Miami-Dade to aid communities in the Caribbean decimated by Hurricane Maria. The Category 4 storm landed Sept. 20—the strongest hurricane to hit Puerto Rico in more than 80 years. Thousands of residents will be without homes, power, food and water for months.

Individual donors contributed \$51,950 of the \$161,950 sent to agencies for hurricane recovery. The remaining donations came from the Town of Palm Beach United Way’s Emergency Response Pool, which is meant to support disaster relief efforts. Allocations Committee members voted on the donation amount and benefiting agencies.

Checks were sent to the following organizations:

- United Way of Greater Houston – \$50,400
- Food Bank of Corpus Christi – \$15,000
- Houston Humane Society – \$5,000
- Palm Beach County Fire-Rescue (water for Harvey) – \$5,000
- United Way of the Florida Keys – \$55,400
- United Way of Miami-Dade – \$31,150

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