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Town of Palm Beach United Way receives new challenge gifts from Dorothy and Sidney Kohl and Judy and Bob Snyder to help hurricane relief efforts in Southwest Florida

NAACP Collier County, Convoy of Hope and Samaritan's Purse are latest organizations to receive grants from the United Way's Hurricane Ian Recovery Fund

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The Town of Palm Beach United Way needs help meeting new challenge gifts from Palm Beach couples Dorothy and Sidney Kohl and Judy and Bob Snyder to support hurricane relief efforts along Florida's Gulf Coast. The Kohls will match donations dollar-for-dollar up to \$50,000 and the Snyders will match donations dollar-for-dollar up to \$25,000.

Dorothy and Sidney Kohl have been longtime supporters of the Town of Palm Beach United Way. Sidney Kohl is an honorary life member of the Board of Trustees.

"The Town of Palm Beach United Way always steps up when crisis hits," said Kohl. "They're able to distribute dollars efficiently and effectively to help the people who need it most. We hope our matching gift will continue to help raise much-needed dollars for recovery work."

To date, the United Way has raised over \$800,000 thanks to 10 previous matching gifts from the Cathleen McFarlane Foundation, Sandy and George Garfunkel, Irwin and Ginny Edlavitch, Elizabeth and Jerome Levy, Danielle Moore, Claudia and Nelson Peltz, Laura and Isaac Perlmutter, Barbara and Richard Rothschild, Susan and Dom Telesco and Norma and Bill Tiefel.

"We are honored to join our Palm Beach neighbors to help the United Way raise funds to support families recovering from Hurricane Ian," said Bob Snyder. "It's a difficult road ahead for thousands of Florida residents, but we hope additional grant dollars bring them relief and hope in the coming months."

The Hurricane Ian Recovery Fund was created on September 29 to help with short term relief efforts along Florida's Gulf Coast. A total of \$400,000 has been distributed to Americares (\$75,000), Convoy of Hope (\$50,000), Global Empowerment Mission (\$105,000), NAACP Collier County (\$20,000), Project HOPE (\$50,000), Samaritan's Purse (\$25,000) and World Central Kitchen (\$75,000). The agencies are using the funds to provide food, water, healthcare, medicines, clothing, hygiene kits, baby supplies, and other emergency aid items to tens of thousands of residents in need.

The NAACP Collier County is supplying basic needs and temporary housing for families – many of whom are seniors – living in the predominantly historic African American community of River Park in Naples.

"We are so grateful to the Town of Palm Beach United Way for your support of River Park, an underserved and overlooked community in the City of Naples," said Vincent Keeys, President of NAACP Collier County. "This grant funding will help in our relief and recovery efforts."

The Town of Palm Beach United Way is in the process of identifying additional organizations providing direct aid to residents in the hardest hit areas of Lee, Charlotte and Collier counties.

To donate visit www.palmbeachunitedway.org, call 561-655-1919 or send a check. Please make checks payable to Town of Palm Beach United Way with "Hurricane Ian" in the memo and mail to 44 Cocoanut Row, Suite M201, Palm Beach, FL 33480.

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