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# Town of Palm Beach United Way announces new \$50,000 matching gift from Susan and Dom Telesco to aid Hurricane Melissa recovery efforts

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PALM BEACH – In a remarkable demonstration of generosity and compassion, **Susan and Dom Telesco** have announced a new \$50,000 matching gift to support the Town of Palm Beach United Way's Hurricane Melissa Recovery Fund. This contribution follows the successful match by **Mayor Danielle Moore**, further fueling ongoing relief efforts in Jamaica, Haiti, and other communities impacted by the powerful storm.

"We are honored to join the Town of Palm Beach United Way and our neighbors in their efforts to bring swift and impactful relief to those affected by Hurricane Melissa," said Susan and Dom Telesco. "By doubling every donation, we aim to inspire others to give generously and help bring hope and healing to families in desperate need."

The Town of Palm Beach United Way has already met the previous \$50,000 match offered by Mayor Moore, amassing a sum of \$107,111 to aid recovery efforts. These funds are crucial for delivering immediate and long-term assistance to the hardest-hit regions.

To date, the Town of Palm Beach United Way has distributed \$100,000 to three nonprofit agencies on the ground in Jamaica: Americares, Convoy of Hope, and Global Empowerment Mission.

Michael Capponi, President and Founder of Global Empowerment Mission, emphasized the urgency: "For years, the Town of Palm Beach United Way has stood with GEM, and now your generous contributions come at a pivotal moment. We has already deployed five cargo planes and ten shipping containers of aid within the first 48 hours after Hurricane Melissa's landfall. Together, we turn heartfelt compassion into hard-working relief and long-term recovery."

GEM is actively delivering critical aid to southwestern Jamaica, with two large, prepositioned warehouses in Kingston ready to support immediate and long-term recovery. Significant resources, including multiple cargo planes and containers, have been mobilized to address the urgent needs arising from the hurricane's destruction.

The Hurricane Melissa Recovery Fund will continue to help provide food, water, medicine, medical supplies, hygiene kits, cleaning supplies, financial assistance, and other emergency aid to vetted organizations on the ground that are providing vital help to those who need it most.

To donate to the fund, visit <a href="https://www.palmbeachunitedway.org/hurricane-melissa-recovery-fund">https://www.palmbeachunitedway.org/hurricane-melissa-recovery-fund</a>. Checks will also be accepted. Please make checks payable to Town of Palm Beach United Way with "Hurricane Melissa" in the memo and mail to 44 Cocoanut Row, Suite M201, Palm Beach, FL 33480.

Donations are tax deductible and 100% will benefit communities and residents impacted by Hurricane Melissa. For more information call 561-655-1919.

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