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The Catholic Foundation Gives \$100,000 for Harvey Relief

Emergency grant to Catholic Charities will help those affected by Hurricane Harvey in Texas

DALLAS – (Sept. 21, 2017) – The Catholic Foundation, a Dallas-based, lay-led community foundation, has provided a \$100,000 grant to Catholic Charities Dallas for disaster relief funding in light of the record-breaking impacts Hurricane Harvey had on Texas.

Catholic Charities’ Disaster Relief program assists clients through the initial crisis with financial assistance towards temporary housing, transportation, food assistance and case management services. Primary emphasis is placed on long-term assistance and recovery, designed to address employment needs, navigation through the insurance claim process, household budgeting and planning, and other needs. Long after the storm has passed, Catholic Charities is there to help clients return to self-sufficiency and success.

“We are still reeling from the disastrous impact that Hurricane Harvey has made in Texas and Louisiana,” said Matt Kramer, president and CEO of The Catholic Foundation. “Given the vast network of services that Catholic Charities provides, we are confident that they will utilize the emergency grant funds to provide help where it’s needed most. We offer our prayers for all those who have suffered such significant losses as a result of the recent devastating hurricanes.”

Economic losses have been estimated at anywhere between \$70 billion to \$200 billion, with so many flooding victims uninsured or under-insured.

“CCD is working with the various Catholic Charities throughout Texas and the coastal region to meet the overwhelming needs created by Hurricane Harvey,” said Dave Woodyard, president and CEO of Catholic Charities Dallas. “In our chosen role as ‘3rd Responders’, we are focused on the long-term recovery efforts after immediate needs for safety, food and shelter are addressed. The reality is that the road to recovery will be lengthy and difficult, often lasting many months or even years. CCD case managers walk with those effected in their journey to full recovery, helping to provide direct support as well as connections to other needed services. We are so thankful to The Catholic Foundation and their donors for the \$100,000 grant that will serve long past when the media crews have gone home.”

About The Catholic Foundation

The Catholic Foundation is a trusted giving vehicle for the Catholic community. Chartered in 1955, the Foundation was founded by a group of dedicated Catholic laymen with a vision that extended far beyond the charitable needs of the moment. The Foundation has spent decades building a strong community, helping donors fulfill their charitable goals, and preserving the founders’ vision and philanthropic legacy. Over time, the Foundation has provided more than \$126 million in grants to religious, charitable and educational organizations. Today, it manages more than \$220 million in assets and houses more than 400 charitable funds and trusts.

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