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## **Lower Keys Medical Center Donates \$50,000 to CFFK Relief Fund To Aid Hurricane Irma Recovery in the Keys**

The Community Foundation of the Florida Keys (CFFK) has announced that the Lower Keys Medical Center (LKMC) has generously donated \$50,000 to the Florida Keys Emergency Relief Fund at CFFK to assist with relief and recovery efforts following Hurricane Irma. The contribution will be used to help meet the critical needs of individuals in the Lower Keys with housing, rent, medical care, transportation, and other needs.

Says David Clay, CEO of the Lower Keys Medical Center, “Members of our team, like many others in the Keys, lost their homes and possessions, yet remained focused on providing care to our patients when they needed it most. As our team members, neighbors and patients work to rebuild, Lower Keys Medical Center and Community Health Systems wanted to support our community’s recovery efforts. Those of us who have worked through other disasters were impressed by the coordination among first responders, law enforcement, the city of Key West, Monroe County EOC and all of the agencies and organizations involved. We are proud to be part of this resilient and caring community, where friends and neighbors stand shoulder-to-shoulder to take care of each other.”

The Lower Keys Medical Center serves the residents of the Florida Keys who live below the Seven Mile Bridge and is the area’s sole healthcare provider. LKMC joins many businesses in the Keys, Florida, and around the country that are supporting recovery and rebuilding efforts in the wake of Hurricane Irma through the Florida Keys Emergency Relief Fund. Grants from the Relief Fund are already being distributed to nonprofit organizations to assist with urgent needs. Donations to the Florida Keys Emergency Relief Fund can be made at [cffk.org](http://cffk.org).

More information on grants awarded from the Fund, applications for nonprofits for assistance, and resources for individuals, businesses and organizations is available at [cffk.org](http://cffk.org).

**About the Community Foundation of the Florida Keys:** The Community Foundation serves the needs and philanthropic aims of donors who wish to better the Keys. For more than 20 years, CFFK has been making Key West and the Florida Keys a better place to live now and in the future by encouraging philanthropy and matching these acts of caring to the community needs. CFFK and its funding partners have granted more than \$22 million to the community since 1996 helping residents from Key West to Key Largo through grants to

our local nonprofit partners, scholarships and program services. CFFK currently manages over 140 funds and endowments for individuals and other nonprofits and causes throughout the Florida Keys. More information is available at [www.cffk.org](http://www.cffk.org) or by calling 305-292-1502.

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John Emery, LKMC Chief Operating Officer; Ron Burd, CFFK Vice-Chair; David Clay, LKMC Chief Executive Officer; Dianna Sutton, CFFK President/CEO; and Todd Haner, LKMC Chief Nursing Officer