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Community Foundation Awards Over \$480,000 To Continue Hurricane Irma Relief Assistance

The **Community Foundation of the Florida Keys** (CFFK) is providing an additional **\$480,650** to continue to assist with relief efforts in the Keys following Hurricane Irma. To date, CFFK has provided nearly \$620,000 from the **Florida Keys Emergency Relief Fund** and the **Landau Family Hurricane Relief Fund for the Upper Keys** to support much-needed relief for individuals from Key West to Key Largo.

The \$480,650 in grants supports 35 nonprofits providing direct assistance to foster children, families, students and teachers, police officers, commercial fishers, veterans, and other individuals throughout the Keys. The grants provide temporary housing, rent, mortgage and utilities assistance, food, clothing, household supplies, medical care, counseling, daycare services, home repairs, rebuilding efforts, and more. A complete list of all grantees in this round is attached and available online at cffk.org.

"One of the Community Foundation's most important roles is to help with our community's critical needs," says CFFK Chair Susanne Woods. "We're pleased that through these grants, we are able to aid hundreds of individuals, families and businesses throughout the Keys for immediate needs and rebuilding efforts following the devastation of Hurricane Irma. We're grateful for the incredible generosity of so many people and businesses around the country that contributed to the Relief Fund and joined us in this effort."

Four community Advisory Committees representing areas of the Keys (Key West, Lower, Middle and Upper Keys) reviewed all applications to determine how to best meet the local area's needs. The committees made recommendations to CFFK's Grant Committee for final determination.

These 35 grants complement the \$138,000 provided over the past six weeks by CFFK for immediate relief with housing and rent issues. Additional grants will be made in the coming months to address longer-term recovery and rebuilding efforts. Applications for assistance and more information will be available at cffk.org.

Contributions to the Florida Keys Emergency Relief Fund are still needed to meet the huge demand for longer-term recovery efforts throughout the Keys. CFFK is distributing 100% of funds raised. Donations may be made online at cffk.org. All donations are tax deductible.

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New Grants from the Florida Keys Emergency Relief Fund

- **A.H. of Monroe County (AIDS Help)**, \$10,000 for housing and assistance for clients and community members
- **American Legion Post 154**, \$10,000 for relief supplies and financial assistance for community members
- **Bethel AME Church**, \$10,000 for food, supplies, clothing and other assistance to Bahama Village residents
- **Big Pine Academy**, \$15,000 for food, clothing and school supplies for students
- **Big Pine United Methodist Church**, \$7,500 for food pantry for homeless individuals and families, clothing, household and cleanup supplies
- **Catholic Charities of the Archdiocese of Miami**, \$10,000 for supplies, food cards, rent, mortgage and utilities assistance for community members
- **Coral Isles Church**, \$15,000 for food, utilities, household goods, clothing and financial assistance for Upper Keys residents
- **DOLPHINS to Stop Domestic Violence**, \$2,000 for counseling, case management and prescription assistance for Upper Keys residents
- **Florida Keys Commercial Fishermen's Association**, \$44,650 for financial assistance for commercial fishers from Key Largo to Cudjoe Key
- **Florida Keys Foster Adoptive Association**, \$2,000 for financial assistance and childcare supplies for foster families
- **Florida Keys Healthy Start Coalition**, \$10,000 for medical care, supplies and case management for pregnant women and small children
- **FKCC Educational Foundation**, \$5,000 for supplies and housing for students
- **Glad Tidings Tabernacle**, \$10,000 for food, water and cleaning supplies, housing repairs and maintenance for Lower Keys residents
- **Good Health Clinic**, \$10,000 for medical services and health care for injuries related to the hurricane for all Keys residents
- **Grace Church of Gwinnett (d/b/a Bluewater In The Keys)**, \$15,000 for food, clothing, cleaning supplies, tools and financial assistance for community members
- **Guidance Care Center**, \$10,500 for counseling, assistance with insurance, housing, clothing and transportation
- **Habitat for Humanity of the Middle Keys**, \$5,000 for repairing and rebuilding homes in the Middle Keys
- **Habitat for Humanity of the Upper Keys**, \$10,000 for home repairs and rent and mortgage assistance
- **Immanuel Lutheran Church**, \$8,000 for food, equipment, supplies and financial assistance for community members
- **KAIR – Keys Area Interdenominational Resources**, \$40,000 for housing, rent, and utility assistance, daycare, medication, food and clothing
- **Key West Police Department Love Fund**, \$10,000 for rent, insurance and other financial assistance for police officers
- **Key West Rotary Club Foundation**, \$25,000 for supplies, materials and financial assistance for families
- **Middle Keys Marine Association**, \$15,000 for financial assistance for members
- **MM50 Relief Project**, \$15,000 for home rebuilding and new housing for Middle Keys residents
- **Monroe County Education Foundation**, \$20,000 for financial assistance for teachers
- **Peace Covenant Presbyterian Church**, \$10,000 for rent and utility assistance for community members
- **Rural Health Network**, \$15,000 for supplies, medical and dental care and counseling for community members
- **Samuel's House**, \$10,000 for food, clothing, household supplies, and furniture for families
- **Sister Season Fund**, \$10,000 for rent and utilities assistance for individuals in the tourism industry

- **Southernmost Coconut Castaways**, \$6,000 for financial assistance to members
- **St. James Children's Center**, \$10,000 for financial assistance for teachers
- **St. Peter Catholic Church Social Ministry**, \$25,000 to rebuild food pantry and provide financial assistance to Big Pine/Lower Keys residents
- **Stanley Switlik PTO**, \$25,000 for financial assistance for students and teachers
- **Star of the Sea Foundation**, \$20,000 for food items for food pantries and additional storage
- **Wesley House Family Services**, \$15,000 for food, clothing, housing and home repairs for foster families