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Colorado nonprofits mobilize to support Houston

Colorado Springs, Colo. – Aug. 28, 2017 — Agencies in Colorado are taking action in the immediate aftermath of Tropical Storm Harvey and El Pomar Foundation will bolster their efforts with \$100,000 as they deploy to provide support for fellow police officers, lifesaving blood donations, large animal extraction and to help shelter, care for and feed individuals and families displaced from their homes.

“El Pomar Foundation has supported Colorado’s nonprofit sector in outreach to the residents of New York following 9/11, and both Haiti and Nepal in the aftermath of devastating earth quakes. The Trustees will help ensure our local organizations can support national efforts as well as continue to provide support at home should the need arise.” - William J. Hybl Chairman and CEO, El Pomar Foundation

As the nation begins to have some sense of the short and long term ramifications from Harvey, which has now had devastating effects in 33 Texas counties and Louisiana, six Colorado based organizations are responding. Trustees and employees of El Pomar have committed to personally giving a combined \$5,000 to the American Red Cross of Southeastern Colorado. A total of \$100,000 will be granted from El Pomar’s Freda Hambrick Fund, Sally Beck Fund and traditional grants to support the efforts of the following organizations:

- American Red Cross of Southeastern Colorado - \$60,000
 - Plans to deploy at least 30 staff/volunteers which will incur costs of transportation and services to serve Texans displaced by the hurricane.
- Bonfils Blood Center Foundation - \$20,000
 - Bonfils is part of a 28-state network and works in tandem, moving lifesaving donations throughout the system to help ensure blood is available when and where it's needed most.
- Code 3 Associates - \$5,000 from El Pomar Sally Beck Fund for large animals
 - Code 3 Associates will accompany human search and rescue teams in order to handle the associated animal situations that arise. They are qualified in swift-water, flat-water, high-angle and trench rescue and they will also engage in direct ASAR (animal search and rescue) work.
- Denver Dumb Friends League - \$5,000 from El Pomar Freda Hambrick Fund
 - The Dumb Friends League has been requested by the Houston SPCA to coordinate efforts of local animal welfare organizations across the country to provide support during this crucial time due to the devastation of Hurricane Harvey.
- Pikes Peak Humane Society - \$5,000 from El Pomar Freda Hambrick Fund
 - PPHS will support animal care for displaced animals that have been relocated from Tropical Storm Harvey locations to Colorado Springs.
- Shield 616 - \$5,000
 - Provide Houston’s sheriffs and police officers with food and other support as needed.

El Pomar Foundation is one of the largest and oldest private foundations in Colorado. El Pomar contributes approximately \$22 million annually through grants and Community Stewardship programs to support Colorado nonprofit organizations involved in health, human services, education, arts and humanities and civic and community initiatives. Spencer and Julie Penrose founded El Pomar in 1937. To learn more about El Pomar Foundation please go to www.elpomar.org.

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