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In response to the unprecedented loss of life and property resulting from Hurricane Harvey, Tulsa Community Foundation has established a disaster relief fund to assist victims.

“We recognize the great needs of these families in the face of their crippling losses, and we simply have to help,” said Phil Lakin, Jr., Chief Executive Officer of Tulsa Community Foundation. “Our Tulsa community has countless ties to Houston through families and businesses. The shared oil and gas history of our cities forms a strong bond across state lines, inspiring us to work together – one neighbor to another.”

The Hurricane Harvey Relief Fund has been created for the express purpose of providing relief for victims of Hurricane Harvey. Hurricane Harvey has caused wide-spread damage to property from flooding and tornadoes over coastal areas of Texas and Louisiana, including loss of life. Houston, Texas and surrounding areas have sustained significant damage and destruction to public and private property. Many municipalities and counties have been declared “natural disaster” areas by State and Federal governments.

The Fund will provide both mid- and long-term relief for victims of Hurricane Harvey by supporting charitable and non-profit organizations which provide programs and services to victims of Hurricane Harvey in the impacted areas. Tulsa Community Foundation will work closely with the Greater Houston Community Foundation in distributing grants. Immediate and short-term needs will not be funded, as those needs are being addressed by the State and Federal governments, as well as many capable service organizations such as the American Red Cross, Salvation Army, Catholic Charities, and Southern Baptist Disaster Relief.

“Early support from Tulsa has exceeded our expectations,” said Lakin. “It shouldn’t be a surprise, though. We appreciate the commitments of nearly \$800,000 by Cimarex Energy, Nadel and Gussman, Jim and Susannah Adelson and George Kaiser Family Foundation.”

Those wishing to contribute to the Hurricane Harvey Relief Fund may make a secure donation online at www.tulscacf.org. Click the “Donate Now” button. Additionally, checks may be sent and made payable to Tulsa Community Foundation, 7030 S. Yale, Suite 600, Tulsa, OK 74136. For additional questions, please call (918) 494-8823.

The Tulsa Community Foundation also provides emergency, disaster and hardship funds for several companies operating in the Houston area. Currently 13 funds are active and accepting applications for assistance from employees impacted by Hurricane Harvey. These assistance programs are made possible by AMC, Health Care Services Corporation (Blue Cross and Blue

Shield), Bank of Oklahoma, Cox, Dean Foods, Devon Energy, Enovation Controls, Genisys Controls, QuikTrip, SemGroup, T. D. Williamson and Williams.

The foundation is a tax-exempt, nonprofit public charity organized in 1998 to receive, administer and distribute gifts from individuals and organizations for the benefit and improvement of Tulsa and eastern Oklahoma. It seeks to be recognized as a community-owned organization that initiates, teaches and encourages personal and corporate charitable giving today to ensure that the philanthropic needs of Oklahomans can be met for all generations.