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## **United Way Donors Generously Respond to Hurricane Harvey**

SAN ANTONIO, TEXAS (September 19, 2017) – Rick Cavender, United Way of San Antonio and Bexar County Chairman of the Board and President of Cavender Audi, has announced a \$300,000 donation to benefit Hurricane Harvey recovery efforts.

The gift, approved by United Way’s Board of Trustees on Tuesday, September 19, 2017, will provide \$250,000 for the United Way of Greater Houston’s Hurricane Relief Fund, with another \$50,000 earmarked for the San Antonio Food Bank’s efforts toward providing food for Harvey victims.

“United Way of San Antonio and Bexar County has a history of providing funds to aid in the recovery efforts when disasters occur,” said Cavender. “We are humbled and inspired by the people of South Texas and our coastal regions, and we appreciate our donor’s generosity, thoughts, prayers, labor, resources, encouragement, and heroism.”

United Way of San Antonio and Bexar County also established the *United Way Harvey Relief Fund* and has forwarded \$35,366 to the American Red Cross—San Antonio Chapter, restricted to Hurricane Harvey relief efforts and reflecting contributions through Sept. 15, 2017. Disbursements will continue to be sent as donors support the fund.

“We have had an overwhelming and heart-felt response from the community, and I invite everyone to visit [www.unitedwaysatx.org/harveyrelief17](http://www.unitedwaysatx.org/harveyrelief17) or text HarveyRelief17 to 41444 to make a contribution for ongoing recovery efforts,” said Cavender.

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**About United Way** -- [United Way](http://www.unitedwaysatx.org) has long-standing tradition of improving lives in Bexar County through investment in strong, well-managed programs. Engaging the community to get to the heart of problems, United Way focuses on preparing children for school and life, helping students succeed, strengthening individuals and families, and providing safety net services (food, clothing, shelter and emergency care.)