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**FOUNDATION FOR PUERTO RICO URGES DONORS TO HELP OUR ISLAND PARADISE**

*Foundation for Puerto Rico spearheads private sector relief and recovery efforts*

**SAN JUAN, PUERTO RICO (October 1, 2017)** – Foundation for Puerto Rico (“FPR”), one of the largest endowed public charities in Puerto Rico, is currently fully dedicated to relief, recovery and rebuilding efforts on the Island which was devastated by Hurricane Maria. FPR appeals to private, corporate, community and family foundations, corporations, charitable organizations and individual donors to help the more than three million U.S. citizens in Puerto Rico and to partner with Puerto Rican private sector leaders in the redesign and rebuilding of our Caribbean Island paradise.

FPR’s *Hurricane María Relief Fund* is already deploying funds to bring immediate relief, providing food, water and basic needs directly to people with urgent needs. The Fund will also provide recovery assistance with a focus on sustaining small businesses that serve as frontline resource centers and are the economic backbone of Puerto Rican communities, and the restoration of Puerto Rico’s magnificent natural resources essential for economic development and the sustainability of our society. In addition, the Fund will help shape key, high-impact initiatives that will drive the long-term economic viability and success of Puerto Rico. The goal of the Fund is to aggregate and invest or earmark significant financial resources by the end of 2017.

“The need is urgent. Foundation for Puerto Rico is expanding its capabilities and working closely with the private sector and local community-based organizations to assess needs and deliver relief and support now,” said Jon Borschow, founder. “We will be an agile and trustworthy local partner for donors of all types to reliably channel their resources. Our Foundation has its own endowed resources, so donations will be used exclusively for efforts related to relief, recovery and rebuilding.” The Borschow Family Foundation will seed the *Hurricane Maria Relief Fund* with a \$100,000 donation.

FPR has opened the doors of its co-working space, Colaboratorio at Ciudadela in San Juan, which is equipped with Wi-Fi, electricity and water, and is action-oriented individuals and organizations with expertise and access to resources in the areas of food and fuel logistics, telecommunications networks, public health and disaster relief and recovery.

Given the current logistical challenges of receiving and distributing supplies, financial donations are the most effective means of support at this time. Donations can be made directly to the Foundation for Puerto Rico by clicking [here](#). To find out more about the Foundation for Puerto Rico hurricane relief efforts and how to contribute, visit: <http://foundationforpuertorico.org/>.

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