Jorge and Laura Posada keep helping the island alongside Foundation for Puerto Rico

The non-profit organization seeks to drive sustainable strategies of economic and social development

August 8, 2018 – Puerto Rico – Foundation for Puerto Rico received an additional donation from Puerto Rican former Yankees player Jorge Posada and his wife, Laura Posada. The contribution was made during the celebration of Foundation’s Third Annual Golf Tournament, which this year was dedicated to the marriage because of their recovery work after Hurricane María, specifically in the community of Villa Calma in Toa Baja.

Right after the emergency, Jorge and Laura Posada, who is a life coach, made several trips to the island to assist with power generators, medicines and take the sick and older adults to the United States to get the treatment they needed.

“When we heard that Hurricane María was going to make landfall in Puerto Rico, we knew we had to do something to help. At the time, we didn’t really have a clear idea of what we were going to do, but immediately set up a donations page to raise money for the people affected by the emergency. Around the same time we started with that initiative, the owner of The Estates at Acqualina in Miami called us to let us know that he wanted to donate the furniture from his hotel to residents in Puerto Rico. That’s when we decided to partner with Foundation for Puerto Rico, who took care of the logistics of getting the furniture from Miami to Puerto Rico and delivering them to the people in Villa Calma, who desperately needed it”, affirmed Jorge and Laura Posada. With these $10,000, among all, the donations received from different people and organizations through the Posadas has amounted to more than half a million dollars.

At the time, Derek Jeter’s Turn 2 Foundation donated $100,000 to ship the furniture in containers to the island.

“In Foundation for Puerto Rico, we’re all about collaborations. This initiative with Jorge and Laura Posada and the other organizations they brought with them is another example of all that we can accomplish when we come together”, said Annie Mayol, president and COO of Foundation for Puerto Rico, as she thanked Jorge and Laura Posada for their kind donation.
Before the delivery of the furniture was possible, Foundation for Puerto Rico developed a project to clean the houses first, which were full of mud and debris and mostly all of them owned by older adults. This was possible thanks to a $100,000 donation by AARP Foundation. This donation resulted in the residents, instead of hiring an outside company to do the job, organizing and creating job opportunities for themselves. Because of this experience, they are now in the midst of incorporating their own cleaning company, so they can offer their services to other communities.

Dallas Mavericks’ Jose Juan Barea and former Heat player Carlos Arroyo were also in attendance at the golf tournament. Both of them have been very committed to the recovery of Puerto Rico, with Barea donating more than half a million dollars and coordinating five trips from Texas to bring power generators, water, food, clothes, and medicines, among other things. For his part, Arroyo also made several trips with planes full of supplies to help Puerto Ricans, especially his hometown of Fajardo.

Former Yankees player Tino Martinez also participated in the golf tournament.

**About Foundation for Puerto Rico**

Foundation for Puerto Rico is a non-profit organization established in 2011 that seeks to unleash the island's full potential as an active participant in the world economy with sustainable programs that drive social and economic development. From knowledge to action, our goal is to transform Puerto Rico into a destination for the world. We want people to come to Puerto Rico to visit, live, work and invest.

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