Jorge and Laura Posada solidify their commitment to Puerto Rico’s recovery alongside Foundation for Puerto Rico

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

August 14, 2018 – Puerto Rico – Jorge and Laura Posada visited Puerto Rico to host and participate in events with ally Foundation for Puerto Rico to continue raising funds for the long-term recovery and economic development of the island.

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

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 mainland 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. We immediately set up a donations page to raise money. At the same time, the owner of The Estates at Acqualina in Miami called us to donate the furniture from his hotel to Puerto Rico residents. We partnered with Foundation for Puerto Rico, who lead the logistics and delivered the furniture and supplies to the community of Villa Calma, who desperately needed it”, affirmed Jorge and Laura Posada.

The donations received through the Posadas efforts amounted to more than half a million dollars. This included a $100,000 donation from Derek Jeter’s Turn 2 Foundation to ship the furniture in 16 containers to the island.

“Collaborations allow Foundation for Puerto Rico to amplify our efforts. The work and community impact we did with Jorge and Laura Posada and other organizations they brought is another example of what 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 the elderly. This was possible thanks to a $100,000 donation by AARP Foundation. This donation empowered the residents, who instead of hiring an outside company to do the job, got organized and created job opportunities for themselves. Because of this experience, they are now in the midst of incorporating their own cleaning company, so they can formally offer their services to other communities.

Dallas Mavericks’ Jose Juan Barea and former Heat’s 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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