The Roy and Patricia Disney Family Foundation partners with Foundation for Puerto Rico to expand its Bottom Up and Small Business Cash Grant programs

August 14, 2018 – San Juan, Puerto Rico – The Roy and Patricia Disney Family Foundation awarded Foundation for Puerto Rico with a $150,000 grant to support the organization’s mission of transforming the island into a destination for the world by driving economic and social development through sustainable strategies.

“We are thrilled to partner with the Roy and Patricia Disney Family Foundation to continue to drive long term recovery and transformation programs through a bottoms-up approach and expand our support to our communities and small businesses”, emphasized Annie Mayol, president and COO of Foundation for Puerto Rico.

The grant will be used to grow key programs including the Bottom Up Destination Recovery Initiative (Bottom Up) and the Small Business Cash Grant program, specifically in Humacao, Orocovis, Aguadilla and Isabela municipalities.

Foundation for Puerto Rico’s Bottom Up program aims to advance Puerto Rico's recovery efforts using the Visitor Economy as a key strategy to make the island a resilient destination. Specifically, when more people visit, invest, work and live in an area, the economic activity significantly multiplies resulting in economic growth in a long chain of industries.

Meanwhile, the Small Business Cash Grant program was a key program that provided capital and mentorship to small businesses after Hurricane María. Foundation for Puerto Rico has impacted more than 200 businesses across 11 commercial districts.

“We believe organizations like Foundation for Puerto Rico who are working on the ground and committed to a community centered approach are absolutely critical to the long term recovery of the island”, said Shawn Escoffery, Executive Director of the Roy and Patricia Disney Family Foundation. “Their Bottom Up program is aligned with our mission to support programs that strengthen community assets and infrastructure, and build public/private partnerships to positively transform underserved communities”.

About Roy and Patricia Disney Family Foundation
The Roy and Patricia Disney Family Foundation aims to invest in solutions that can
address the underlying conditions that perpetuate inequality, as well as solutions that support new paradigms to old problems. The Foundation believes that complex social challenges must be addressed as part of an interdisciplinary, collaborative effort; partnerships, peer networks, and leveraging of resources are essential to achieving the Foundation's mission.

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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