Jorge and Laura Posada donate $10,000 to Foundation for Puerto Rico

August 7, 2018 – Puerto Rico – Foundation for Puerto Rico received a $10,000 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 all the recovery work they did after Hurricane María, especially in the community of Villa Calma in Toa Baja.

“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 most 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 was going 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 that needed it the most”, affirmed Jorge and Laura Posada.

At the time, the Turn 2 Foundation, founded by Derek Jeter, 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, at the same time she thanked Jorge and Laura Posada for their kind donation.

Before we could deliver the furniture, we received a $100,000 donation from AARP Foundation so the community of Villa Calma, where the majority of the residents are elderly, could clean their houses, which were full of mud and debris. This donation, which was also made through Foundation for Puerto Rico, 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 know in the midst of incorporating their own cleaning company, so they can offer their services to other communities.
Former Yankees player Tino Martinez was also in attendance at the golf tournament, as were Dallas’ Mavericks Jose Juan Barea and former Heat player, Carlos Arroyo.

**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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