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Foundation for Puerto Rico hosts Revolution’s RISE OF THE REST®
Puerto Rico Ecosystem Leader Roundtable

SAN JUAN, PR (May 3, 2019) – Today, Foundation for Puerto Rico (FPR) hosted Revolution’s RISE OF THE REST® Puerto Rico Ecosystem Leader Roundtable with Steve Case, Co-Founder of AOL and Chairman & CEO of Revolution, José Andrés, Founder of ThinkFoodGroup and Chairman of World Central Kitchen, Jean Case, Chairman of the National Geographic Society, CEO of the Case Foundation and author of Be Fearless, and local non-profit (NGO) leaders. This discussion focused on how NGOs from across Puerto Rico are supporting innovators and entrepreneurs to build a stronger ecosystem in Puerto Rico.

Local organizations including Endeavor PR, ConPRmetidos, Parallel 18, Grupo Guayacan, and Piloto 151, Centro para Emprendedores, Discover Puerto Rico and Invest Puerto Rico discussed their organization’s impact, opportunities in the entrepreneurial ecosystem and tangible ways people and organizations outside of Puerto Rico can support its future as a startup innovation hub.

Steve Case, Co-Founder of AOL and Chairman & CEO of Revolution, spoke about leveling the playing field and investing in startups to create more jobs and opportunities.

“We are honored to host Revolution’s RISE OF THE REST® and local leaders who have come together to accelerate and support Puerto Rico as an innovation hub. Small businesses and entrepreneurs are a key driver of economic development and employment in Puerto Rico. It’s about accelerating Puerto Rico’s long-term economic growth, because there is no future in rebuilding the past,” says Annie Mayol, COO & President of FPR.

FPR provided immediate support to small businesses and entrepreneurs after Hurricane María, providing cash grants and technical assistance to more than 200 businesses island wide helping them open or to stay open. Today, more than 90% of them are operating and achieving sales volumes pre-Maria levels. This is just one of the programs FPR developed to creates opportunities for social and economic development in Puerto Rico.

Revolution’s RISE OF THE REST® with Steve Case is a nationwide effort to work closely with entrepreneurs in emerging startup ecosystems. This is the first time RISE OF THE REST® has visited Puerto Rico.

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About Foundation for Puerto Rico
About Foundation for Puerto Rico Foundation for Puerto Rico, a 501c3 non-profit organization founded in 2011, creates opportunities that drive social and economic development in Puerto Rico, with a focus on the visitor economy and transforming the island into a global destination. For more information please visit www.foundationforpuertorico.org.