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Community Foundation of North Florida Announces Matching Grant for Hurricane Michael Disaster Relief

TALLAHASSEE, Fla., February 15, 2019 – The Community Foundation of North Florida is pleased to announce that the Richard M. Schulze Family Foundation has awarded a conditional challenge grant of \$100,000 designated for the Disaster Relief Fund at the Community Foundation to support Hurricane Michael recovery efforts. **This grant will match all donations made to the Hurricane Michael Disaster Relief Fund, up to \$100,000, by April 15, 2019, doubling the impact of a contribution.**

The Community Foundation is grateful for the support of the Richard M. Schulze Family Foundation and the on-going support of our community. “We are acutely aware of the devastation in our surrounding counties and the long road to recovery ahead for these areas. We are thankful to have the opportunity to leverage support for the Hurricane Michael Disaster Relief Fund and hope this match will inspire contributions for the continued relief efforts in the impacted communities.” said Joy Watkins, President and CEO of the Community Foundation.

When Hurricane Michael devastated the Florida Panhandle, the Community Foundation of North Florida activated its Disaster Relief Fund. Contributions to this fund will support the long-term recovery efforts of the affected communities in our 11-county funding area. The Community Foundation believes it can best serve as a support mechanism as efforts shift from short- and mid-term projects to long-term initiatives. As such, we welcome contributions to the CFNF Disaster Relief Fund that will support organizations addressing those needs for years to come.

To contribute to the Disaster Relief Fund, please visit www.cfnf.org/giving/Hurricane-Relief.cfm, send a check to the Community Foundation of North Florida, noting it is for the Disaster Relief Fund to support Hurricane Michael, at 3600 Maclay Boulevard, Suite 200, Tallahassee, FL 32312 or call the Community Foundation at 850-222-2899.

About the Community Foundation of North Florida

The Community Foundation of North Florida is a nonprofit organization serving the 11-County Big Bend area (Calhoun, Franklin, Gadsden, Gulf, Jackson, Jefferson, Leon, Liberty, Madison, Taylor and Wakulla) by promoting and supporting charitable giving. The Foundation helps people give to their favorite charities and helps nonprofit organizations with grants, education and endowment building expertise.

About the Richard M. Schulze Family Foundation

The Richard M. Schulze Family Foundation began its work in 2004 with the charge from its founder to support

transformational change for the benefit of mankind. The Foundation has consistently directed its primary efforts and resources toward matters of importance in human & social services, education, and health & medicine. It continues to do so today with a focus on investments that produce specific and measurable outcomes with a geographic emphasis on the Twin Cities (Minnesota) seven-county metropolitan area and Lee and Collier counties in Florida. In all of its activities, the foundation embraces its founder's beliefs in the value of innovation and in improving the lives of middle- and working-class families.

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