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CFNF is Over Halfway to its \$100,000 Goal for Hurricane Michael Disaster Relief thanks to FSU Credit Union Grant

TALLAHASSEE, Fla.– The **Community Foundation of North Florida** (CFNF) announced today that it has received a grant from **FSU Credit Union** for \$7,200. This corporate support brings CFNF over the halfway mark in its quest to raise \$100,000 to obtain a matching challenge grant from the **Richard M. Schulze Family Foundation** for CFNF's Disaster Relief Fund to support Hurricane Michael recovery efforts. All of the funds raised, and the match, will be directed for support of priority needs in the broad swath of northwest Florida so severely impacted by Hurricane Michael.

Less than one month remains to meet the \$100,000 goal. All donations made to the **Community Foundation Hurricane Michael Disaster Relief Fund, up to \$100,000 by April 15, 2019 will be doubled through this matching effort.**

“The Community Foundation is grateful for this support from FSU Credit Union and for our collaboration with **REBUILD 850** to raise the dollars needed to contribute toward making a positive impact in our neighboring communities. Our region suffered unparalleled devastation from Hurricane Michael and we are determined to assist the recovery process in a meaningful way,” said Joy Watkins, President and CEO of the Community Foundation. She continued, “The contributions from FSU Credit Union and our community members who have been sending in donations both small and large, in addition to the ongoing support from REBUILD 850's leadership, have been pivotal in getting us over this halfway mark. With just a few weeks remaining for this challenge we hope we can count on the continued support of everyone in our area.”

REBUILD 850's co-chairs – former Florida House of Representatives Speakers **Allan Bense & Will Weatherford**, and former Congresswoman **Gwen Graham** – have been dedicated in their efforts to help raise the required matching dollars.

“The devastation from Hurricane Michael continues to impact our community on a daily basis. Efforts to recover from this storm will take years. 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 the Rebuild 850 co-chairs in a joint

statement. “We are grateful to the Richard M. Schulze Family Foundation and our community members – for their ongoing support allowing impactful efforts to be made in the long-term recovery efforts.”

“At FSU Credit Union, we are dedicated to enhancing the lives of individuals living and working in the communities we serve – as well as neighboring communities – not only through financial services but also through our charitable giving programs,” commented FSU Credit Union President and CEO Chuck Adcock. “We understand the need for continued aid to the areas affected by Hurricane Michael and are proud to be assisting in efforts to rebuild these communities.”

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 REBUILD 850

The REBUILD 850 initiative launched in November 2018 to keep the continuing needs of the Florida Panhandle top of mind as the hard-hit communities work to recover from the devastation of Hurricane Michael. REBUILD 850 is co-chaired by former Florida House Speakers Allan Bense and Will Weatherford and former Congresswoman Gwen Graham, with the help of a diverse group of dedicated partner organizations from across the state. The initiative encourages people to Donate, Volunteer, Visit, and Invest to support the region's long-term recovery efforts. For more information, visit <https://rebuild850.org/>.

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.

About FSU Credit Union

Florida State University Credit Union, with an asset size of more than \$215 million, has been maximizing members' financial well-being since 1954. Today, FSU Credit Union serves its more than 24,000 members with eight branch locations throughout Tallahassee and north Florida, secure online banking, a convenient mobile app, and a complete suite of account types, loans and services to meet every financial need. Membership with FSU Credit Union is open to Florida State University alumni living anywhere in the U.S. and Individuals who live or work in Bay, Calhoun, Escambia, Franklin, Gadsden, Gulf, Holmes, Jackson, Jefferson, Leon, Liberty,

Okaloosa, Santa Rosa, Taylor, Wakulla, Walton, or Washington counties. For more information, visit fsucu.org.

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