

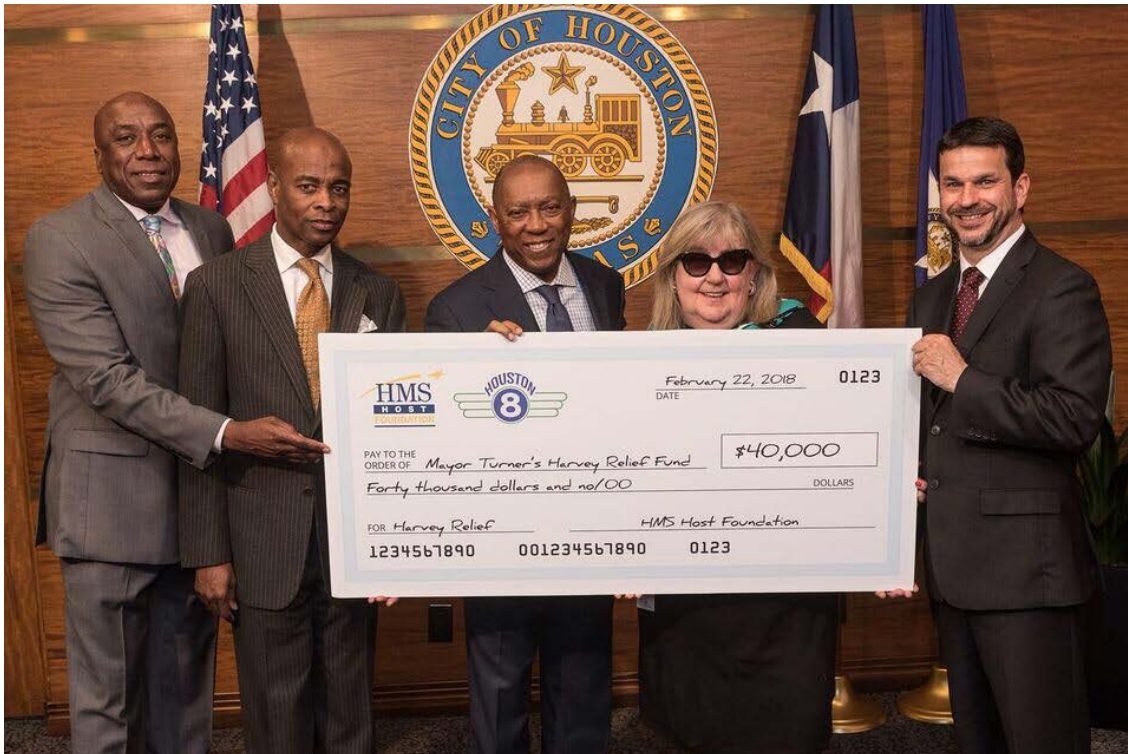


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## For Immediate Release

### **HMSHost Foundation Supports Greater Houston Community Foundation with \$40,000 Grant**

*Funds for ongoing Hurricane Harvey recovery efforts*



*Photo caption: HMSHost and The Houston 8 Team LLC presenting a \$40,000 grant to Houston Mayor Sylvester Turner on behalf of HMSHost Foundation. Pictured from left to right: The Houston 8 Team Partner Lynden Rose; The Houston 8 Team Partner Gerald Womack; Houston Mayor Sylvester Turner; The Houston 8 Team LLC Managing Partner Cindy Clifford; and HMSHost Vice President of Business Development Anthony Alessi.*

**HOUSTON** — [HMSHost Foundation](#) granted \$40,000 to Greater Houston Community Foundation to support the Hurricane Harvey Relief Fund. HMSHost Vice President of Business Development Anthony Alessi presented the grant to Houston Mayor Sylvester Turner today on behalf of HMSHost Foundation with HMSHost's partner, Cindy Clifford, Managing Partner of The Houston 8 Team, LLC.

"HMSHost Foundation is honored to help Houston residents create stability by supporting the Greater Houston Community Foundation," said HMSHost Foundation President Paul Mamalian. "We are committed to the Houston community and this grant is part of how HMSHost Foundation aims to ensure the City remains a thriving place to live and work."

The Greater Houston Community Foundation is dedicated to expanding philanthropic impact in Houston and its Hurricane Harvey Relief Fund continues to carry out ongoing relief efforts for the city. Mayor Turner and Harris County Judge Ed Emmett established this fund shortly after the storm, garnering over \$112 million to date. The fund's Phase Two Needs Assessment concludes efforts focusing on utility repair and financial assistance for Houston's most vulnerable populations remain critical recovery needs.

"We are always working to improve the lives of our fellow Houston citizens and grants such as this from HMShost Foundation are the support we need to continue to make a meaningful impact in our communities," said Houston Mayor Sylvester Turner.

"Supporting Mayor Turner's Harvey recovery efforts is imperative for Houston and we recognize the continuing need in our city," said The Houston 8 Team LLC. Managing Partner Cindy Clifford.

Virtually all Houstonites felt the effects of Hurricane Harvey, including roughly 50 HMShost associates at George Bush Houston Intercontinental Airport and Houston Hobby International Airport. During the storm, a team of over 20 HMShost associates displayed strong commitment to Houston by volunteering to work through the storm, serving food to essential airport personnel and humanitarian flight passengers.

To broaden the impact of relief efforts in Houston after Hurricane Harvey, HMShost Foundation also granted [\\$5,000 to World Central Kitchen](#) and \$5,000 to Houston Airport Interfaith Chapels. HMShost's Senior Director of Operations Mark Young at George Bush Intercontinental Airport sits on the board for Interfaith Chapel and is on the subcommittee for Hurricane Harvey relief.

Other ongoing HMShost community involvement in Houston includes food donations to local food pantry organization, Hearts Reaching Out.

#### **About HMShost Foundation**

HMShost Foundation is a 501(c)(3) charity whose mission is to fight poverty in the local community with food, shelter, education, and workforce development. HMShost Foundation is uniquely positioned to give back to the communities in which it operates by combating the cycle of poverty at the local level. Charitable work carried out by HMShost Foundation is done based on pillars of giving:

- Combat hunger and promote nutritional wellness;
- Provide opportunity for financial stability through job training and placement;
- Encourage the next generation through access to education and training;
- Honor our veterans and their families.

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