3M Establishes a Global Relief Fund to Help Communities Affected by Recent Natural Disasters

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Total support for disaster relief to exceed $3.5 million

ST. PAUL, Minn.--(BUSINESS WIRE)--In the wake of an unprecedented level of natural disasters, 3M is establishing a Global Relief Fund to strategically support communities currently affected, and to position funds for future relief efforts. The addition of this investment will bring 3M's total support for disaster relief to more than $3.5 million in cash and product donations this fall.

Earlier this month, Hurricanes Harvey and Irma hit areas with 3M operations in Texas and Florida. 3M reacted quickly with immediate cash support and a program to match donations from 3M employees and retirees. This week, Hurricane Maria impacted Puerto Rico, where 3M has an office dedicated to sales, technical and marketing operations. In addition, multiple earthquakes have devastated areas in Mexico.

“Our hearts go out to those affected by the recent earthquakes in Mexico and Hurricane Maria in Puerto Rico and surrounding areas,” said Kim Price, president, 3M Foundation. “To better help those in need, 3M is pledging an incremental $1 million in cash support as part of a Global Relief Fund with critical NGO partners.”

The investment will help provide relief for Latin America, including the Mexico earthquake and Hurricane Maria through Direct Relief, MAP International, and local Mexican and Puerto Rican organizations in collaboration with 3M Mexico and 3M Puerto Rico.

3M will also support American Red Cross for U.S.-based emergencies, including additional support for Texas and Florida, and new support for victims of wildfires in the Pacific Northwest. Ongoing relief and recovery from this year’s natural disasters globally will be supported through GlobalGiving.

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