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AARP, AARP Foundation Joined by Miami Dolphins and Owner Stephen Ross in Creating Relief Fund for Older Victims of Hurricane Irma

Secure website now accepting donations to aid victims

En español / WASHINGTON, DC—In the aftermath of Hurricane Irma, which ravaged the Caribbean and southeastern United States with significant storm surge flooding, damaging winds and rains, **AARP Foundation** has created a Hurricane Irma Relief Fund to support the storm victims – especially those age 50 and older. They are joined in this effort by **AARP**, the **Miami Dolphins** and owner **Stephen Ross**. The three organizations will match contributions - dollar for dollar - up to \$750,000, with 100 percent of the money raised going directly into the community to support victims of Hurricane Irma.

"I am appreciative of the generosity of the Miami Dolphins organization and owner Stephen Ross for their support of AARP Foundation's Hurricane Irma Relief Fund," said Lisa Marsh Ryerson, president, AARP Foundation. "Community service is central to their mission and we value our collaboration in providing hands-on services to communities and families in need through their special teams volunteer program. In times like these, we see communities come together with neighbor helping neighbor."

The Miami Dolphins organization will immediately deploy its Miami Dolphins Special Teams powered by AARP Foundation volunteer program to assist with much needed rebuilding projects in Miami-Dade, Broward and Palm Beach counties. This volunteer program was created to enlist, mobilize and support community efforts in times of emergency.

In addition, AARP Foundation, working with the AARP state offices in the southeastern United States, Puerto Rico and the US Virgin Islands along with relief organizations working in the Caribbean, will direct 100 percent of all funds raised to organizations providing relief and recovery support to disaster victims.

AARP Foundation is currently accepting donations through its secure website, where 100 percent of donors' tax-deductible contributions will be used to help the victims of this disaster.

To donate and learn more about AARP Foundation Hurricane Irma Relief Fund, go to www.aarpfoundation.org/Irma.

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About AARP

AARP is a nonprofit, nonpartisan organization, with a membership of nearly 38 million that helps people turn their goals and dreams into 'Real Possibilities' by changing the way America defines aging. With staffed offices in all 50 states, the District of Columbia, Puerto Rico, and the U.S. Virgin Islands, AARP works to strengthen communities and promote the issues that matter most to families such as healthcare security, financial security and personal fulfillment. AARP also advocates for individuals in the marketplace by selecting products and services of high quality and value to carry the AARP name. As a trusted source for news and information, AARP produces the world's largest circulation magazine, AARP The Magazine and AARP Bulletin. AARP does not endorse candidates for public office or make contributions to political campaigns or candidates. To learn more, visit www.aarp.org or follow @aarp and our CEO @JoAnn_Jenkins on Twitter.

About AARP Foundation

AARP Foundation works to ensure that low-income older adults have nutritious food, affordable, livable and healthy housing, a steady income, and strong and sustaining bonds. We collaborate with individuals and organizations who share our commitment to innovation and our passion for problem-solving. Supported by vigorous legal advocacy, we create and advance effective solutions that help struggling older adults transform their lives. AARP Foundation is the affiliated charity of AARP. Learn more at aarpfoundation.org.

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