



## **Gov. Scott Thanks WellCare for \$1 Million Donation for Hurricane Victims**

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**BONITA SPRINGS, Fla.** – Governor Rick Scott and Volunteer Florida today thanked WellCare for its support and generous donation of \$1 million to the Florida Disaster Fund, which was activated by Governor Scott to aid those impacted by Hurricane Irma. The Florida Disaster Fund, administered by the Volunteer Florida Foundation, is the State of Florida’s official private fund established to assist Florida’s communities in times of disaster. To make a contribution, visit [www.FloridaDisasterFund.org](http://www.FloridaDisasterFund.org) or text DISASTER to 20222 to make a donation of \$10.

Governor Scott said, “We are so thankful for WellCare’s support of the Florida Disaster Fund. With this generous donation, Florida’s disaster relief organizations will be able to get Floridians back to their homes and back to work as soon as possible.”

“WellCare’s culture is built around caring for those that are most vulnerable, and there is no one more vulnerable than someone who has experienced a natural disaster the size and magnitude of Hurricane Irma,” said Ken Burdick, WellCare’s chief executive officer. “Almost half of our workforce is based in Florida, with the vast majority in the Tampa area and a sizeable portion of our membership resides within the state. It is our duty, as a leading corporate citizen, to help the state, our members, associates and the local communities get back on their feet.”

Volunteer Florida CEO Vivian Myrtetus said, “Volunteer Florida is exceptionally grateful for WellCare’s support of the Florida Disaster Fund. This funding will allow our partners across the state to serve so many more Florida families with clean-up, reconstruction, and other vital services.”

### About the Florida Disaster Fund:

The [Florida Disaster Fund](http://www.FloridaDisasterFund.org) is the State of Florida’s official private fund established to assist Florida’s communities as they respond to and recover during times of emergency or disaster. In partnership with the public sector, private sector and other non-governmental organizations, the Florida Disaster Fund supports response and recovery activities.

### How to Donate:

Donations to the Florida Disaster Fund are made to the Volunteer Florida Foundation, 501(c)(3) charitable organization, and are tax deductible. Donations may be made by credit card on the secure website [www.floridadisasterfund.org](http://www.floridadisasterfund.org) or by check to the below address. Checks should be made payable to the Volunteer Florida Foundation and should include “Florida Disaster Fund” in the memo line.

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