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Galveston Bay Foundation will donate a portion of Bike Around the Bay funds raised to flood relief

Houston, TX – September 14, 2017 – Bike Around the Bay, Galveston Bay Foundation’s two-day, 170-mile ride around Galveston Bay is still set for Oct. 21-22, but we realize this is no ordinary year. Many of our riders, their families, friends and neighbors have been impacted by Hurricane Harvey, and while the success of the ride is very important to our continued efforts to preserve and enhance Galveston Bay, we also know flood recovery is vital to our community and we will donate a portion of funds raised to flood relief.

For all funds raised today through the end of our fundraising period, we will dedicate 50 percent of money raised above our fundraising minimum to the [Greater Houston Community Foundation](#) flood recovery fund created by Mayor Turner and Judge Emmett and the [Clear Creek Community Church flood relief fund](#). The Greater Houston Community Foundation is providing funding in Harris, Montgomery, and Fort Bend counties while Clear Creek Community Church is providing support in the Bay Area where Galveston Bay Foundation is based, in southeast Harris County and northern Galveston County.

Last year, riders raised more than \$100,000 above the fundraising minimum. If we can reach that level again this year, Bike Around the Bay will be able to invest \$50,000 in flood recovery for our community. And we hope to raise even more.

Currently, Galveston Bay Foundation’s post-storm work includes sampling water on the Galveston Bay coastline to monitor bacteria levels, organizing volunteers and engaging community members to conduct debris cleanup events at affected sites, continuing to advocate for the removal of the waste from the San Jacinto Waste Pits Superfund site, and creating awareness of the impacts of Hurricane Harvey on Galveston Bay.

“We know that some of our riders, our neighbors and friends need help right now, and we are honored to support local flood recovery efforts through Bike Around the Bay while continuing our post-storm efforts for Galveston Bay,” said Bob Stokes, Galveston Bay Foundation President.

For more information on Bike Around the Bay, please visit www.bikearoundthebay.org.

About the Galveston Bay Foundation

Established in 1987, the Galveston Bay Foundation is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization. Its mission is to preserve and enhance Galveston Bay as a healthy and productive place for generations to come. It

implements diverse programs in land preservation, habitat restoration, water quality and quantity, youth education, and advocacy. For further information, contact the Foundation at (281) 332-3381, visit www.galvbay.org, like us on [Facebook](#), or follow us on twitter @GBayFoundation.