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Chinese American Citizens Alliance Continues to Support Hurricane Relief; C.A.C.A. Member Donations Accepted through AARP Foundation

San Francisco, September 26, 2017—the Chinese American Citizens Alliance (C.A.C.A.) continues its involvement with national efforts toward hurricane relief following the succession of powerful tropical storms beginning with Harvey in mid-August that ultimately devastated Houston and the Gulf Coast region. Harvey was followed by Irma, the longest Category 5 hurricane on record. Damages from both storms to property in the United States are estimated between \$150 and \$200 billion.

“Thank you to all who have responded so generously to the call for donations to the Harvey Community Relief efforts and I hope this will continue amongst all the National Board and local lodges through the remainder of the year,” states C.A.C.A. Immediate Past National President Edmond J. Gor, a longtime resident of the greater Houston community.

Harvey was especially intensive and destructive when it became the first major hurricane to make landfall in the United States since 2005. A record 51 inches of rainfall fell on Texas and Louisiana and saturated the region with 27 trillion gallons of water in six days.

The American Association of Retired Persons (AARP) was a major sponsor of the 54th C.A.C.A. National Convention, recently held August 30 to September 2, in Chicago. Its AARP Foundation had instituted efforts to receive donations for hurricane relief from C.A.C.A. members. These C.A.C.A.-donated funds are requested to aid specific agencies or groups that are involved with providing service to AAPI communities in Houston. Tax-deductible donations can be sent to AARP Foundation, 200 So. Los Robles Avenue, Suite 400, Pasadena, CA 91101, Attn: Clara Chiu. C.A.C.A. members will receive acknowledgement from the Foundation for their contributions as part of the collective C.A.C.A. effort for Harvey relief.

To date, AARP Foundation has received more than \$11,000 from those who responded to earlier pleas for donations. Information about the Foundation is available at www.aarp.org/aarp-foundation/

“This has been a long, arduous process for anyone who has been directly or even remotely affected by this tragic event,” said Mr. Gor. “When a hurricane hits, everyone suffers equally. However, we also know that the access to relief assistance is usually most difficult for our underserved, underrepresented and sometimes those unable to navigate the system.”

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