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# Coca-Cola Supports Hurricane Irma Relief and Recovery

***The Coca-Cola Foundation Pledges \$1 Million to Disaster Relief Efforts in Southeastern U.S. and the Caribbean***

***More than 1.3 Million Bottles of Water and Other Beverages Donated So Far to Support Relief Organizations Responding to Hurricanes Harvey and Irma***

ATLANTA--(BUSINESS WIRE)-- The philanthropic arm of The Coca-Cola Company – The Coca-Cola Foundation – today pledged \$1 million to the American Red Cross to support local relief efforts related to Hurricane Irma. These funds will help provide immediate resources for necessary food and shelter and will aid in long-term rebuilding efforts in the Southeastern United States, Puerto Rico and the U.S. Virgin Islands. This donation builds on the \$1 million the Foundation granted for Hurricane Harvey relief efforts in August.

The Coca-Cola Company and its local bottlers also continue making product donations to support communities impacted by the devastating storms in the Southeastern United States and the Caribbean.

The Coca-Cola system, including Coca-Cola Beverages Florida, Coca-Cola Puerto Rico Bottlers and Coca-Cola North America, have donated nearly 200,000 bottles of water, juice, sports drinks and other beverages to people affected by Hurricane Irma so far, with more expected in the coming days. This adds to the more than 1.1 million drinks distributed to the American Red Cross and other relief organizations helping people impacted by Hurricane Harvey last month.

"Because of the Coca-Cola system's local footprint in communities across the country, we are usually in a unique position to help in times of disaster. As we saw just a few weeks ago along the Gulf Coast, it's critical that businesses and people do what they can to come together and support each other," said Sandy Douglas, Executive Vice President and President, Coca-Cola North America; and Board Member of The Coca-Cola Foundation. "We're mobilizing with our local bottlers to donate beverages and funds to support the good work being done by authorities and relief agencies."

The Coca-Cola system also is supporting its approximately 9,000 associates in affected areas of Florida and the Caribbean, in addition to the approximately 2,200 associates in Texas who were in Harvey's path. Many employees have been evacuated from their homes and it is expected that more employees will need help and care.

The company is matching employee contributions made to the Coca-Cola Employee Disaster Relief Fund up to \$100,000. Proceeds will go to help Coca-Cola system associates who are impacted by the storms.

"Coca-Cola Beverages Florida stands with our fellow Floridians as we all have prepared for and will soon recover from Hurricane Irma," said Troy Taylor, Chairman and CEO, Coca-Cola

Beverages Florida. “Our local Coca-Cola team is ready to help our customers and neighbors throughout the impacted area.”

Added Alberto de la Cruz, CEO of Coca-Cola Puerto Rico Bottlers and Coca-Cola St. Maarten: “Given the devastation that Hurricane Irma caused to our communities in Puerto Rico and neighboring Caribbean islands, Coca-Cola Puerto Rico Bottlers is proud of The Coca-Cola Foundation’s support of relief efforts through the American Red Cross. In addition to the monetary support, our local associates are coming together to provide support on the ground, including beverages, supplies and food to those in need.”

In the storm’s aftermath, the Coca-Cola system continues to evaluate how it can help the impacted states of Georgia, South Carolina, Alabama and Tennessee. In Georgia, Coca-Cola and its bottling partners Coca-Cola UNITED and Coca-Cola Consolidated have been delivering as many beverages as possible to serve customers before and after the storm.

Coca-Cola is also giving consumers opportunities to support the American Red Cross in their relief efforts during the aftermath of Hurricanes Harvey and Irma. People can visit [Coke.com/give](http://Coke.com/give) and enter codes found under the caps of Coca-Cola beverages – and inside multi-packs – and convert them into donations to the American Red Cross.

### **About Coca-Cola Puerto Rico Bottlers**

CC1 Companies, better known as Coca-Cola Puerto Rico Bottlers (CCPRB), is the largest beverage distribution and manufacturing company in Puerto Rico. Since 1995, the company has been diversifying its portfolio of Coca-Cola products and other beverages, in order to innovate and satisfy consumer demand. The company sources its plastic bottles, aluminum cans and other raw materials locally and owns and manages the largest vending operation on the island. CCPRB and has supported economic development in Puerto Rico through the creation of thousands of local jobs over the past 20 years. CC1 has further expanded its footprint in the Caribbean with CC1 St. Martin, Caribbean Bottlers Trinidad & Tobago, LTD and KOSCAB, which has become the main distributor for Coca-Cola Products in Trinidad and Tobago, Anguilla, St. Bart’s, St. Kitts, Nevis, Antigua, St. Vincent, Grenadines Islands and Granada. What began in 1995 with nearly 300 direct jobs, is now the largest beverage manufacturing and distribution operation in Puerto Rico and the lesser Antilles, which currently generates about 2,000 direct jobs and thousands of indirect jobs. For more information visit [www.ccprb.com](http://www.ccprb.com).

### **About Coca-Cola Beverages Florida**

Coca-Cola Florida, headquartered in Tampa, is one of the largest privately held, independent Coca-Cola bottlers in the United States. The company employs over 4,500 associates and serves customers, consumers and communities of the Sunshine State across various markets in North, Central and South Florida. As the local steward of the world’s most complete non-alcoholic ready-to-drink portfolio of consumer-centric beverages and brands, including over 600 unique products and twenty billion-dollar brands, Coca-Cola Florida is fully committed to delivering mutually beneficial value propositions to its local partners and being an integral part of every community it serves. For more information, visit [www.cocacolaflorida.com](http://www.cocacolaflorida.com).

### **About The Coca-Cola Foundation**

The Coca-Cola Foundation is the global philanthropic arm of The Coca-Cola Company. Since its inception in 1984, the Foundation has awarded more than \$830 million in grants to support sustainable community initiatives around the world. For more information about The Coca-Cola Foundation, please visit [www.coca-colagivingback.com](http://www.coca-colagivingback.com).

### **About The Coca-Cola Company**

The Coca-Cola Company (NYSE: KO) is the world's largest total beverage company, offering over 500 brands to people in more than 200 countries. Of our 21 billion-dollar brands, 19 are available in lower- and no-sugar options to help people everywhere more easily control added sugar. In addition to our namesake Coca-Cola drinks, some of our household names around the world include: AdeS soy-based beverages, Ayataka green tea, Dasani waters, Del Valle juices and nectars, Fanta, Georgia coffee, Gold Peak teas and coffees, Honest Tea, Minute Maid juices, Powerade sports drinks, Simply juices, smartwater, Sprite, vitaminwater, and Zico coconut water. At Coca-Cola, we're serious about making positive contributions to our world. That starts with reducing sugar in our drinks and bringing new and different drinks to people everywhere. It also means continuously working to reduce our environmental impact, creating rewarding careers for our associates, and bringing economic opportunity wherever we operate. In fact, together with our bottling partners, we employ more than 700,000 people around the world. For more information, visit our digital magazine Coca-Cola Journey at [www.coca-colacompany.com](http://www.coca-colacompany.com) and follow The Coca-Cola Company on [Twitter](#), [Instagram](#), [Facebook](#) and [LinkedIn](#).

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