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El Pomar Assists Local Red Cross Chapters with Response to Hurricane Ian

Colorado Springs, Colo. – Sept. 30, 2022 — El Pomar Foundation has announced it has granted a combined \$25,000 to support the American Red Cross chapters of Southeastern Colorado, Mile High Area, Northern Colorado and Western Colorado in their deployment of 30 local volunteers to support relief and recovery efforts in communities recently impacted by Hurricane Ian.

The cost associated with sending Red Cross volunteers to a disaster location is nearly \$1,800 per person, and these grants will help offset that expense as volunteers are sent to operational centers. The Colorado volunteers will serve a number of roles to deliver supplies to residents affected by Hurricane Ian, and further support the sheltering of people in Florida, Georgia and South Carolina.

“The Trustees and staff of El Pomar are grateful for the dedicated service of Colorado-based American Red Cross employees and volunteers, and we’re happy to play a small role in supporting their efforts to aid those impacted by the hurricane,” said El Pomar President and CEO Kyle H. Hybl.

El Pomar has supported Colorado Red Cross agencies during previous natural disasters, totaling nearly \$750,000 since 2005. Most recently, this support has been in relief efforts for Colorado wildfires in 2022 and Hurricane Ida in 2021.

Donations to American Red Cross for Hurricane Ian relief and recovery efforts can be made at <https://www.redcross.org/donate/hurricane-ian-donations.html>.

El Pomar Foundation is one of the largest and oldest private foundations in Colorado. El Pomar contributes approximately \$25 million annually through grants in the areas of health, human services, education, arts and humanities and civic and community initiatives, as well as community stewardship and leadership development programs to support Colorado nonprofit organizations. Spencer and Julie Penrose founded El Pomar in 1937 with the mission to enhance, encourage and promote the current and future well-being of the people of Colorado. To learn more about El Pomar Foundation please go to www.elpomar.org.

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