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To: All UA General Officers, Vice Presidents, International and Special Representatives and Local Union Business Managers in the United States and Canada

Dear Brothers and Sisters:

We have all watched the news of the devastation in Texas, and now in the Gulf Coast Region, over the last several days at the hands of Hurricane Harvey. Sadly, the sites and stories that have led the headlines are far from over. Rains continue to deluge those cities and towns already demolished by this storm – bringing with them flooding, destruction and despair. While we watch the news, many of our UA brothers and sisters are facing this disaster head on as residents of Houston and the Central Texas Coast. When this storm is over, they will have to deal with their own personal losses. They will also be called upon to help restore to Texas what Harvey took, and the United Association will be there for them in every way we can.

The core of our organization is brotherhood and sisterhood. We are part of one family and, in this time of great need, will do whatever necessary to assist those who need our help. We have called for the UA Charitable Fund Trust (formerly the Emergency Relief Fund) to provide resources for those who will need assistance in the days, weeks and months ahead. We humbly ask for you to consider a donation of any size to help those impacted by the storm. Any amount is welcome – even if it’s just \$5. Please join us in making a voluntary contribution to the Fund so that we can support our UA brothers and sisters in Texas affected by this tragedy.

In the past, the UA has successfully used the Fund to channel our relief efforts during both Hurricanes Katrina and Sandy and other natural disasters. Those funds helped our members rebuild their lives. We hope we can count on your support now to help those in need in Texas who have much rebuilding ahead of them. We are also developing further plans to coordinate other types of assistance to the affected areas, including materials, supplies and manpower for rebuilding efforts. Additional information on these activities will be forwarded to you shortly.

Thank you for your generosity. Together we can make a difference in helping those in need during this difficult time. Checks should be made payable to the “**United Association Charitable Fund Trust**” and sent to the **United Association, Three Park Place, Annapolis, MD 21401**. You can also donate directly online through the UA webpage at www.ua.org. The donation link is also on www.uanet.org.

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