



# News Release

## **AT&T Donates \$150,000 to Support Communities Impacted by Hurricane Laura**

Lake Charles, La., Oct. 2, 2020 – AT&T and the AT&T Foundation are delivering \$150,000<sup>1</sup> in donations to organizations in Louisiana to aid communities damaged during Hurricane Laura.

In the aftermath of the storm, the AT&T Network Disaster Recovery team, in partnership with the FirstNet Response Operations team, was in the field working closely with first responders and local leaders to help maintain continued connectivity.

AT&T and AT&T Foundation funding will support community enrichment programs at McNeese State University, SOWELA Technical and Community College, United Way of Southwest Louisiana, the Community Foundation of Southwest Louisiana, and SBP.

“We have thousands of employees who call Louisiana home, and we are passionate about the strength of this state,” said Sonia Perez, President- AT&T Southeast States. “We are proud to support organizations that are dedicated to helping our friends and families as they get back on their feet after the devastation of Hurricane Laura.”

While our teams worked to keep our customers connected, we also are standing with area organizations that are supporting residents and addressing needs across the region.

“So many groups and businesses have been key to rebuilding our community,” said Lake Charles Mayor Nic Hunter. “Both through their efforts to keep our communities connected and through their support for these key organizations, AT&T is showing their commitment to the businesses and residents across our region.”

“There is no question that the residents of Louisiana are resilient and that our communities are giving and compassionate, and this was evident in the profound response to Hurricane Laura,” said Public Service Commissioner Mike Francis. “Between their work to maintain their networks and their support of these organizations, the men and women of AT&T have been vital members of our community.”

### **About Philanthropy & Social Innovation at AT&T**

AT&T Inc. is committed to advancing education, strengthening communities and improving lives. Through its community initiatives, AT&T has a long history of investing in projects that create learning opportunities; promote academic and economic achievement; or address community needs. The company’s signature philanthropic initiative, [AT&T Aspire](#), drives innovation in education to promote student success in school and

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<sup>1</sup> AT&T contributed \$120,000, and the AT&T Foundation granted \$30,000.



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