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## **The Arthur M. Blank Family Foundation and the NFL Foundation Rise Up to Aid Storm Damaged South Georgia Counties**

*Donations Total \$50,000 to the American Red Cross of South Georgia*

**ATLANTA (January 31, 2017)** – Earlier this month, storms ravaged through South Georgia, killing at least 15 people, leaving families devastated, and causing more than \$100 million worth of damage. As a state of emergency was declared by Governor Nathan Deal for seven South Georgia counties, The Arthur M. Blank Family Foundation and the NFL Foundation each committed \$25,000 to the American Red Cross of South Georgia to aid in the aftermath of the storms.

“We care deeply about our home state of Georgia, and the communities that make it so special,” said Penelope McPhee, President, The Arthur M. Blank Family Foundation. “When the storms invaded South Georgia, we, along with the NFL Foundation, immediately joined together to support relief efforts in those communities.”

The American Red Cross of South Georgia located in Valdosta, Georgia is participating in ongoing relief efforts. For more information or to donate directly, go to [www.redcross.org/ga/south](http://www.redcross.org/ga/south).

### **ABOUT THE ARTHUR M. BLANK FAMILY FOUNDATION**

Formed in 1995, The Arthur M. Blank Family Foundation promotes innovative solutions to transform the lives of youth and their families, seeking results that move communities beyond what seems possible today.

The Foundation invests in early childhood development, education, green space and the arts, and leads giving programs for each of the Blank Family of Businesses, including the Atlanta Falcons, PGA TOUR Superstore, Mountain Sky Guest Ranch and Atlanta United.

Mr. Blank, chairman of the Foundation, co-founded The Home Depot, the world’s largest home improvement retailer, in 1978 and retired from the company as co-chairman in 2001. Through the Foundation and his family’s personal giving, Mr. Blank has granted more than \$300 million to various charitable organizations.

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