



United Way for Greater Austin

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United Way for Greater Austin receives \$50,000 from Tokyo Electron for Hurricane Recovery Fund

AUSTIN, Texas – The United Way for Greater Austin (UWATX) announces a \$50,000 matching donation from Tokyo Electron (TEL) in support of UWATX’s collaborative hurricane recovery efforts: the Central Texas Long-Term Recovery Fund. **This \$50,000 matching gift represents the first major corporate pledge of support to UWATX’s fund.**

United Way for Greater Austin is proud to be teaming up with Austin Community Foundation, Entrepreneurs Foundation, MFI Foundation and Capital Factory to coordinate the efforts of the Central Texas philanthropic community in the wake of Hurricane Harvey. UWATX CEO, David C. Smith stated, **“We are extremely grateful to TEL for joining this effort by adding \$50,000 in matching funds to challenge our community to invest in this initiative and see their funds go further toward the long term rebuilding that we can only achieve by pulling together.”**

In the coming months, United Way will work with our partner agencies to identify the areas of greatest need. Funds will be deployed over the next several years through strategic grants supporting long-term recovery efforts. Through the Central Texas Long-Term Hurricane Recovery Fund, we are committed to supporting affected communities, particularly those with access to fewer resources.

To make a **donation** to support long-term recovery efforts for hurricane victims, go to **unitedwayaustin.org** and click on the Central Texas Long-Term Hurricane Recovery Fund banner at the top the homepage.

In addition to its fundraising efforts, **UWATX’s 2-1-1 Navigation Center** team has been working around the clock since Hurricane Harvey made landfall to help those affected by the storm. Locally and statewide, the 2-1-1 network has been experiencing record call volume. Thousands of search and rescue calls came in last week in areas where 9-1-1 was down or had stretched capacity. **From August 22nd through the 30th, the 2-1-1 Texas network responded to almost 80,000 calls.** Our 2-1-1 team continues to connect callers to resources including shelter locations, evacuation information, food and water, disaster services for animals, federal disaster assistance, disaster legal assistance damage reporting, and donation/volunteer opportunities.

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About TEL

Tokyo Electron Limited (TEL), established in 1963, is a leading company of innovative semiconductor and flat panel display (FPD) production equipment worldwide. All of TEL's semiconductor and FPD production equipment product lines maintain high market shares in their respective global segments.

TEL has located research & development, manufacturing, sales, and service locations all over the world. <http://www.tel.com>

About United Way for Greater Austin

United Way for Greater Austin brings people, ideas and resources together to fight poverty in our community. We are here to bring the community together in a united way – to serve as a convener of and backbone for powerful collaborations and to lead a collective fight against poverty.

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Since 1996, United Way for Greater Austin has helped residents navigate the complex system of health and human services in Central Texas by maintaining our Navigation Center. The service provides simple, one-call access to our call specialists, who can connect you to more than 30,000 nonprofit and government resources in the 10 counties we serve.