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To the Upstate Community:

One cannot but be moved by the images out of Houston, Texas, and surrounding areas of the rising flood waters that took so many from their homes in the last week and resulted in the death of a number of individuals. Also moving, were the images and tales of the first responders and neighbors who waded into harm's way to rescue families and beloved pets. Perhaps what resonated most with many of us was the quiet heroism of hospital workers who, entrusted with the care of their patients, stayed by their side and brought them to safety.

Support for recovery efforts by relief groups and volunteers will be needed for many months. With so many lives turned upside down, normalcy for these families seems so far away that support and comfort is most appreciated. Coordination of these efforts of relief is also necessary to be able to provide the help that is needed and not place additional burden on the many relief efforts.

For those who are interested in supporting the relief efforts, I enclose a link to the New York Times, which offers a list of the agencies assisting the recovery efforts from Hurricane Harvey. SUNY also announced yesterday a system-wide response to Hurricane Harvey that is being coordinated through the SUNY Impact Foundation. I know many of you may have already provided support for these efforts through your houses of worship or your work with professional organizations.

Time and time again, the Upstate community has shown that we are part of a larger community that extends beyond our own borders in Central New York. Thank you for your compassion and caring for others.

Sincerely,



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The New York Times: https://www.nytimes.com/2017/08/28/us/donate-harvey-charities-scams.html?mcubz=0&_r=0

SUNY Impact Foundation: <http://www.suny.edu/impactfoundation/>