



Mill Reef Fund

A Charitable Trust Founded
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The Mill Reef Club

*To improve the lives of the people of
Antigua and Barbuda through
donations
to medical, educational, general
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VIA EMAIL

Re: Hurricane Relief Effort for Barbuda

Dear Mill Reef Members and Friends:

The photos of Hurricane Irma's total devastation of Barbuda take your breath away. Reportedly, over 90% of all structures on that tiny island were destroyed or significantly damaged. Its population of about 1,600 has largely been displaced. And I suspect that you have, as have I, mentally leaped from those sobering photos of Barbuda to what might have occurred on Antigua and at Mill Reef. There, but for the grace of God, go all of us.

Barbuda needs enormous help, in both the short and long term. This is an understatement. And this letter is an appeal to you to join in a generous relief effort.

The Mill Reef Fund has over the past 20 years maintained a reserve of \$50,000 US for emergency hurricane relief. Today trustees have voted to expend it entirely on hurricane relief. That is just a small start. Initially it will go primarily for Barbuda but, if necessary, for Antigua should another hurricane strike. The hurricane season is not over.

We intend to partner closely with non-governmental organizations on Antigua with which we already have a relationship and which we know and trust. We intend to spend your dollars responsibly, providing financial support to local charities that know the local needs and that, in many cases, are overburdened and stretched thin by the influx of Barbudan refugees. Where the circumstances are right, we may work with international NGOs, but our preference is to work locally where we can have the greatest impact.

We invite you to join in this effort, which will aim to shore up the refugees from Barbuda and to begin to re-construct Barbuda. If you are so inclined, please give generously:

- 1) Online, by going to www.millreeffund.org/donate/;
- 2) By Check, to Mill Reef Fund, c/o JP Morgan Chase, Dept. 781682, P.O. Box 78000, Detroit, MI 48278-1682, USA; or



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3) By Wire:

- a) For Domestic Transfers, Chase ABA Routing/Transit Number: 021000021
- b) For International Transfers, Chase Swift Code: CHASUS33

Note: Please mark the wire instruction: "For further credit to the account of Mill Reef Fund, Account #000000751757519".

The Bank Contact is Ms. Ana Zurita, telephone
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Please be generous.

Sincerely,


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