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Kelly Gibson Foundation, in Partnership with The Astros Foundation, Houston Astros and Crane Worldwide Logistics, Provides Truckload of Supplies to Support Frontline Workers

Vision Communications, RTC and EATEL receive support for frontline workers in wake of Hurricane Ida, community urged to get involved in relief efforts.

**Gonzales, La.** – <u>REV Broadband</u> – the parent company of <u>RTC</u>, <u>EATEL</u>, <u>EATEL Business</u>, <u>Vision Communications</u> and <u>VENYU</u> is working nonstop to restore critical communications service to communities affected by the storm. With supplies running low, two nonprofit organizations stepped up to support frontline workers. The Kelly Gibson Foundation in partnership with The Astros Foundation, Houston Astros and Crane Worldwide Logistics donated truckloads of supplies to ensure the provider's workforce and their families have the resources needed to cover basic needs in the aftermath of Hurricane Ida.

"Our teams are working tirelessly to get everyone back online," says Josh Descant, CEO of REV Broadband. "Connectivity is our top priority while also ensuring the health and safety of our own. Many of our teammates we impacted as well but haven't skipped a beat. Receiving food, water and necessities from the Kelly Gibson Foundation, The Astros Foundation, Houston Astros and Crane Worldwide Logistics has taken a lot of pressure away from us in a time where everyone is in need. It's allowed us to focus on the job at hand. It's these acts of service and generosity that will get us through this."

The nonprofit organizations are launching a relief campaign for people affected by the storm and urges communities to get involved.

"We've learned from Hurricane Katrina that it's important to act fast," says Kelly Gibson, Chairman of the Kelly Gibson Foundation. "Getting needed supplies is a challenge in many impacted areas. We've partnered with The Astros Foundation, Houston Astros and Crane Worldwide Logistics to transport truckloads of food, water, diapers, toiletries, cleaning supplies and more from Houston to Lafourche and beyond to help those in need. We've delivered supplies to critical infrastructure workers and have more efforts underway to help people and communities in the coming days, weeks and months."

To support the relief effort, visit www.kellygibsonfoundation.org

### **About REV Broadband**

Established in 2020, REV Broadband is the parent company of RTC, EATEL, EATEL Business, Vision Communications and VENYU. The combined company serves as Louisiana's largest telecommunications network with over 2,790 miles of fiber and nearly 400 employees serving more than 60,000 customers. In addition, the company also operates VENYU, a premier provider of cloud hosting, data center and data protection services. VENYU operates a network that spans coast to coast with data centers and partners in Louisiana and across the country.

# About Kelly Gibson Foundation:

The Kelly Gibson Foundation was founded as Feed the Relief, Inc. by Kelly and Elizabeth Gibson in September of 2005 with the mission of providing necessary support to first responders during the Hurricane Katrina recovery. Nearly \$1 million was raised and supplies and meals were provided for 50,000 first responders during the recovery. In 2016, Southeast Louisiana experienced a severe flood that affected many people in the Ascension, Tangipahoa, Livingston and East Baton Rouge parishes. The Kelly Gibson Foundation raised over \$20,000 and distributed \$100 Walmart gift cards directly to first responders and law enforcement personnel who were affected. When Hurricane Harvey devastated Texas in 2017, the Kelly Gibson Foundation, along with our Texas community partners, distributed \$105,000 in grocery store gift cards to first responders in need during the recovery efforts. To support the relief effort, visit www.kellygibsonfoundation.org

## About The Astros Foundation:

The Astros Foundation is the official 501(c)(3) team charity of the Houston Astros. They seek to harness the passion of their fans to support youth sports and education programs, the recognition/honor of our nation's military, childhood cancer and domestic violence awareness and efforts to reduce homelessness. Their cornerstone initiatives include the Community Leaders program, the Astros MLB Youth Academy and the Astros RBI Program (Reviving Baseball in Inner Cities).

# **About Crane Worldwide Logistics:**

Crane Worldwide Logistics is a leader in supply chain solutions with over 120 locations across 30 countries providing individual solutions that address client logistical challenges.

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