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Consolidated Communications Supports Tropical Storm Harvey Relief Efforts

Company pledges \$50,000 to United Way of Greater Houston relief fund and will match employee donations

CONROE, Texas, Sept. 01, 2017 (GLOBE NEWSWIRE) -- [Consolidated Communications](#) Holdings, Inc. (NASDAQ:CNSL), a leading broadband and business communications provider, announced support to aid Hurricane Harvey relief efforts in southeast Texas. Consolidated Communications pledged \$50,000 to the [United Way of Greater Houston](#) and employee donations will be matched up to \$25,000, making a total commitment of up to \$100,000.

"Our hearts go out to the Texas communities facing great need right now as they recover and work to rebuild after the devastating impacts of the storm and flooding," said Bob Udell, president and chief executive officer at Consolidated Communications. "Consolidated Communications has deep roots in the Montgomery and Fort Bend county area and is committed to helping residents and businesses impacted by the storm recover and rebuild. We have emergency operations plans in full force as teams work around the clock to keep our customers connected. We are fully committed to supporting recovery efforts through partnering with the United Way of Greater Houston, providing customers special accommodations to restore services and supporting employee volunteerism and giving."

"We are deeply touched by the caring and generosity of Consolidated Communications and its employees whose support will help United Way provide relief and recovery assistance to the thousands of individuals and families across our region that have been impacted by this unprecedented disaster," said Anna M. Babin, president and chief executive officer of United Way of Greater Houston.

"On behalf of the United Way of Greater Houston Montgomery County Regional Council, we want to thank Consolidated Communications for their generous contribution," said Melissa Young, trustee of the United Way of Greater Houston. "This gift will be strategically invested in our community and support the long-term recovery of the hardest hit areas of our community."

Additionally, Consolidated Communications is offering support for relief efforts in the following ways:

- | Customers will not be charged connection fees for homes or businesses in need of new installation of services due to flood damage.
- | Customers will be allowed to suspend their accounts if they are unable to use services due to storm damage.
- | Customer service equipment, such as modems, damaged due to storm-related impacts, will be replaced free of charge.
- | The Company is working closely with local community partners including chamber of commerce, economic development and crisis groups to support businesses that need assistance or expedited repair services to reopen their business or relocate services.
- | Emergency assistance and resources are being offered to employees who have been displaced or incurred flood damage to their homes.

Consolidated Communications initiated its emergency operations center last week, and is working closely with customers and local agencies to restore any impacted services or replace damaged equipment. More information can be found at: www.consolidated.com/hurricaneinfo.

About Consolidated Communications

[Consolidated Communications](#) Holdings, Inc. (Nasdaq:CNSL) is a leading broadband and business communications provider serving consumers, businesses of all sizes and wireless companies and carriers, across a 24-state service area. Leveraging its advanced fiber optic network spanning more than 36,000 fiber route miles, Consolidated Communications offers a wide range of communications solutions, including: data, voice, video, managed services, cloud computing and wireless backhaul. Headquartered in Mattoon, Illinois, Consolidated Communications has been providing services in many of its markets for over a century.

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