



## Western Union Foundation Donates US\$25,000 to Cuba Efforts

### Reduced Fees for Regular Money Transfers to Cuba from Authorized Agent Locations in Florida Offered for the Next Two Months

SUNRISE, Fla., Sep 16, 2008 (BUSINESS WIRE) -- The Western Union Foundation announced today a donation of US\$25,000 to the International Federation of the Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies (IFRC) through Western Union's Our World, Our Family corporate giving program to support the humanitarian operation of the Cuban Red Cross in the aftermath of two consecutive hurricanes in Cuba.

The IFRC estimates that about a third of the population on the Island was evacuated due to Hurricanes Gustav and Ike, and as many as 30,000 homes were destroyed and another 320,000 homes affected by the passing of the storms.

Western Union's Our World, Our Family program, together with the contributions of Western Union Agents, has recently provided similar disaster relief donations in Belize, Haiti and Jamaica.

Western Union has also reduced its regular money transfer fees from authorized Agent locations in Florida to Cuba by setting a flat fee of US\$14.99a for money transfer transactions of up to US\$300. This reduced fee from Authorized Agent locations in Florida to Cuba is effective September 15, 2008, through November 15, 2008.

"While most of our Agent locations are already operating in Cuba, we are working closely with our Agent there to ensure our network of more than 150 Agent locations becomes fully operational as soon as possible," said Liz Alicea-Velez, Western Union's executive vice president for the Latin America and Caribbean region. "We are committed to getting the money sent to people on the island into their hands quickly, and we are willing to offer a fee reduction in money transfers during this time of adversity to facilitate the flow of humanitarian assistance to hurricane victims."

Our World, Our Family is a five-year initiative to empower migrant families through education and global economic opportunity programs that help them stay connected, overcome barriers, and realize their dreams.

In addition to the transfer fees, Western Union also makes money when it changes dollars into foreign currency. To locate an authorized Agent location please call 1-800-325-4045 or visit [westernunion.com](http://westernunion.com)

#### About the Western Union Foundation

Through the donations of The Western Union Company, its employees and Agents, the Western Union Foundation helps to fund programs that create economic opportunity around the world. Embracing the truly global nature of its corporate sponsor, the Western Union Foundation has granted nearly \$48 million to more than 1,750 nongovernmental organizations (NGOs) in 70 countries. Its signature giving program, Western Union's Our World, Our Family, is a \$50 million, five-year commitment reaching people at every rung of the economic ladder. Through Our World, Our Family, the Western Union Foundation is helping migrants and their families stay connected, overcome barriers and realize their dreams. For more information, visit [www.westernunion.com/foundation](http://www.westernunion.com/foundation).

#### About Western Union

Western Union (NYSE:WU), together with its affiliates Orlandi Valuta and Vigo, is a leading provider of global money-transfer services, providing people with fast, reliable and convenient ways to send money around the world, pay bills and purchase money orders through a network of more than 355,000 Agent locations in over 200 countries and territories. For more information, visit [www.westernunion.com](http://www.westernunion.com).

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