SIM News Alert: SIM Foundation is Ready to Assist

After several years on hiatus, the SIM Foundation in 2017 gained a new governing Board and began working with several SIM chapters to collect donations and maximize SIM's charitable giving. The SIM Foundation is a 501(c)3 non-profit charity that is available to any SIM chapter or program.

The Foundation offers the SIM community the opportunity to collect tax-deductible contributions from individuals and corporations. Chapters have full control over where funds are distributed as long as they are complicit with IRS guidelines. There's no fee or cost to the chapters either.

"While many corporations can give funds to chapters and write it off as another expense, there are times when it might be more appropriate for chapters to collect money and offer a tax deduction," said Jeff Skulsky, Chair of the SIM Foundation. "That's where the Foundation can help."

Following Hurricane Harvey last August, the SIM Foundation worked with the SIM Houston Chapter to collect almost $20,000 to support relief and rebuilding efforts in the Houston area.

The donation went to the Houston Independent School District to replace technology resources damaged by Hurricane Harvey.

"Our fundraising efforts after Hurricane Harvey are a model for how the Foundation can assist chapters with charitable outreach efforts," Skulsky explained. "In this case, the chapter was able to focus on what would best help the local community and the Foundation stepped in to help the chapter raise and collect money."

As 2018 kicks off, the Foundation Board of Directors are looking to expand the scope of its capabilities and is evaluating alternative ways to help the chapters and our communities.

In addition to SIM Foundation Chair Skulsky, the Board of Directors is comprised of the following individuals: Vice Chair Eric Gorham, Treasurer Sandi Phillips, and Secretary Jennie Zamberlan. SIM Chief Executive Steve Hufford is a non-voting member.

If you are interested in learning more about the SIM Foundation or discussing potential collaborations, please contact Jeff Skulsky jskulsky@hotmail.com to learn more.

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