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MEDIA ALERT

Carolina Panthers Announce \$250,000 in Grant Funding for High School Athletic Programs Impacted by Hurricane Matthew

**High Schools in North and South Carolina eligible to apply for funding to replace
essentials such as uniforms, practice equipment and other athletics
infrastructure**

Carolina Panthers Charities is providing \$250,000 in grant funding to assist high school athletic programs in North and South Carolina that have been adversely impacted by Hurricane Matthew and the storm's aftermath. The grants are designed to assist high school athletic programs in the replacement or repair of equipment, supplies or athletic infrastructure lost or damaged due to the recent catastrophic hurricane damage that has impacted large portions of North and South Carolina.

High school athletic programs have the opportunity to apply for grant funding from Carolina Panthers Charities to assist in their storm recovery efforts. Grant applications will be reviewed on a rolling basis with a deadline for consideration of November 11, 2016. The team will work in conjunction with the North Carolina High School Athletic Association and South Carolina High School League and other partnership agencies to distribute the grant application to member schools. In addition, schools may also download the application on panthers.com/community.

"The recent hurricane and subsequent flooding events has been devastating for many communities across the region with many high schools sustaining loss or damage to athletic equipment or facilities," said Riley Fields, Carolina Panthers director of community relations. "The Carolina Panthers hope this grant funding will enable schools, and the communities they serve, to return to a sense of normalcy by helping meet the important basic needs of high school athletic programs."

In October 2015, Carolina Panthers Charities provided \$250,000 in grant funding which aided 19 high schools in South Carolina following catastrophic flooding that impacted the region.

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