

## PRESS RELEASE

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## Heart to Heart International

**Lenexa, KS - Heart to Heart International is currently responding to Hurricane Harvey and preparing to respond to Hurricane Irma as soon as it strikes.**

**Hurricane Irma** - Hurricane Irma has strengthened into a Category 5 storm and is a dangerous threat to the Caribbean, including Haiti, and Florida.

**U.S. Response** - Heart to Heart International has been treating hurricane victims in Texas since Harvey hit the coast. Our medical team is currently working in the Houston area, operating free clinics which provide the health safety net for thousands of hurricane victims. Simultaneous preparations for Hurricane Irma have already begun. Prior to Irma making landfall, we are prepositioning a mobile medical unit, along with medical teams, medicines and supplies.

**International Response** - Heart to Heart International has veteran Haitian medical teams on standby in Haiti. Having experienced the Category 4 Hurricane Matthew last year, the HHI disaster teams in Haiti are ready to take on Irma when it hits their country as a Category 5 this week. We are also looking at ways we can work with our partners in other countries as needed.

Heart to Heart International has designated giving for Hurricane Harvey Texas Relief and Hurricane Irma.

[www.hearttoheart.org/donate](http://www.hearttoheart.org/donate)

**Harvey or Texas Relief - Text HHITX to 41444**

**Irma - Text IRMA to 41444**

All proceeds will go to Heart to Heart's response to either Hurricane.

### Interview Opportunities

***Jim Mitchum CEO is available HHI HQ 13250 W 98<sup>th</sup> Street, Lenexa, KS 66215***

***Other staff - remotely can be interview – Contact Brian McDonell 913.814.7500***

### About Heart to Heart International

Heart to Heart International is a nonprofit international health organization. Since 1992, HHI has delivered medical aid and supplies worth \$1.5 billion to more than 130 countries, including the United States. HHI responds to crises and natural disasters both domestically and internationally by supplying medical relief and mobilizing volunteers. The organization is a Charity Navigator 4 Star charity (eight years in a row), a BBB Accredited Charity, and is on the "Philanthropy 400". For more information on programs and ways to get involved, visit [hearttoheart.org](http://hearttoheart.org) and find HHI on Facebook.

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