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**EDYTH BUSH CHARITABLE FOUNDATION SUPPORTS DISASTER RELIEF WITH CONTRIBUTIONS TO RED CROSS & CATHOLIC CHARITIES OF CENTRAL FLORIDA**

**WINTER PARK, FL...**In an effort to support those effected by yesterday's tornadoes and extreme weather, The Edyth Bush Charitable Foundation has made unrestricted contributions of \$50,000 to the Red Cross of Central Florida and \$25,000 to Catholic Charities of Central Florida

"Our thoughts and prayers are with the families and communities affected by today's violent thunderstorms and tornadoes," said Jerry Hilbrich, Chairman of the Edyth Bush Charitable Foundation. "The Foundation's Board and staff will assess the needs of nonprofits serving the effected communities for additional support. The Central Florida community proved its heartfelt generosity towards the relief of human suffering during the Central Florida hurricanes and with local work involving Katrina evacuees. I know that individuals and organizations across Central Florida will do as much as they can to help."

The Edyth Bush Charitable Foundation was created in 1973. Since then, it has been enriched by the Richard J. Conlee Fund and the H. Clifford Lee Fund. To date, the Foundation has issued 2,148 grants to more than 400 organizations throughout the state, but primarily in Central Florida, totaling more than \$83 million. Though it does not actively solicit outside donations, the Foundation will work with philanthropists to achieve their charitable goals. For more information, please visit [www.edyrbush.org](http://www.edyrbush.org).