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### **Senator Larry Taylor, AT&T, Calpine raise money for Hope Village**

Friendswood, TX (January 8, 2018)- Senator Larry Taylor (R-Friendswood), AT&T and Calpine announced a joint contribution of \$30,000 to assist the Hope Village Residential and Day Program recover from Hurricane Harvey and update their technology and day program services.

Hope Village has provided residential and support services for children and adults with intellectual and developmental disabilities in Friendswood since 1970. Today, the Village serves 60 people in its residential program and 45 in its day program, where villagers can develop job and life skills, receive computer training and participate in recreation programs and social activities.

Of the donation, Hope Village spokeswoman Sharon Proulx said, "This donation will be instrumental in changing the lives of our Villagers. We are forever grateful to Senator Taylor, AT&T and Calpine for reaching out in their community and helping those that are most vulnerable in a difficult time of need."

"AT&T is thrilled to provide this \$15,000 contribution to support the amazing learning and education programs of Hope Village," said Mike Flanagan, Director of External and Legislative Affairs at AT&T. "We are proud to support Hope Village's life changing programs that improve the quality of life of its residents and help them meet their full potential."

Brett Kerr, Calpine's Director of External Affairs, added "Having our headquarters and several generation facilities in the Houston area, Calpine knows well the devastating impact Harvey had on our community. We recognize how critical Hope Village is to the community that they serve and we are happy to be able to join Senator Taylor and AT&T to help in their restoration efforts."

"The folks at Hope Village have created a welcoming, empowering environment for their residents, and we are incredibly fortunate to have an organization with this level of integrity and compassion reside in our community," said Senator Taylor, a Hope Village board member since 2000. "I am so grateful to AT&T, Calpine and my golf tournament participants and sponsors for their generous contributions to help Hope Village in their recovery. I look forward to continuing my partnership with Hope Village and helping them in their very worthwhile mission."

Senator Taylor, AT&T and Calpine will present the donation to Hope Village at a press conference on January 10th, 2018 at 1:30 pm at 15403 Hope Village Rd, Friendswood, TX 77546. All are invited to attend.

Senator Larry Taylor is a lifelong Texan and Baylor University graduate raised in Friendswood. He and his wife Kerri have three adult children and two grandchildren. Prior to his election to the Texas Senate in 2012, he served five terms in the Texas House of Representatives. Senator Taylor represents Senate District 11, comprised of portions of Brazoria, Galveston, and Harris Counties.

To find out more about Hope Village or to donate to their Hurricane Harvey recovery efforts, visit <http://www.hope-village.com/index.html>

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