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Oklahoma community banks aid hurricane victims

OKLAHOMA CITY — Community banks take great pride in being the foundation of their communities. When cities and towns are in need, they don't hesitate to help in any way possible. These banks are also just as quick to react when the neighborhoods of their peers need assistance.

Following the recent rash of hurricanes in Texas, Puerto Rico, Florida and elsewhere, the Oklahoma Bankers Foundation began collecting funds from Oklahoma community banks to provide assistance to those in need. An impressive amount of \$21,125 was recently collected, with more checks still coming in.

A presentation was made following the OBA's monthly board meeting on Wednesday in Oklahoma City.



(Featured from left is the Executive Committee of the OBA Board of Directors: Roger Beverage, president and CEO of the OBA; OBA First Vice Chairman Frank Henke IV, president and CEO of American Bank & Trust in Tulsa; OBA Vice Chairman Sandy Werner, CEO of The First National Bank & Trust in Elk City; OBA Chairman Guy Sims, president/CEO/chairman of Shamrock Bank in Coalgate; and OBA Immediate Past Chairman Curtis Davidson, CEO of First National Bank & Trust in Ardmore.) For a higher res version of the photo, contact jeremy@oba.com.

The OBA conducts more than 70 educational programs and seminars each year, which reach more than 5,000 bankers across the state. The Association represents more than 200 banks across the state and serves as the primary

advocate for the banking industry. It's also heavily involved in fraud training and prevention as well as legal and compliance services and communications for its member banks.

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