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Canadian Jewish communities provide financial assistance to the Venezuelan Jewish community

July 19, 2019 (Toronto, ON) – This week, Jewish Federations of Canada – UIA announced that it has pledged \$18,000 in support of the Venezuelan Jewish community. The funds will be drawn from the Bernard Mandell Fund and will be distributed through the JDC and the Jewish Agency for Israel. They will be allocated towards:

- Food Distribution
- Medical supplies
- The Hebraic Jewish Center in Caracas

'This decision by the Board to support the Jewish community in Venezuela is aligned with our core mission to strengthen Jewish community. As one people spread across the globe, it is our responsibility to work together to meet the needs of the larger community by supporting members with differing resources and capacities.'

– Michael Frankel, Chair of the Board

'It is our hope that this symbolic contribution provides some members of the Venezuelan community in need with a sense of relief and respite. We stand by the people of Venezuela and offer our support as they struggle through these difficult economic times.'

- Nikki Holland, President & CEO

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ABOUT JEWISH FEDERATIONS OF CANADA – UIA WWW.JEWISHCANADA.ORG Jewish Federations of Canada - UIA supports Canadian Jewish federations & communities by increasing philanthropic capabilities, national & international influence, and connection to Israel.

ABOUT THE BERNARD MANDELL FUND The Bernard Mandell Fund is a generous bequest established by the Mandell family to Jewish Federations of Canada – UIA that provides aid in cases of disaster and emergency relief in the Diaspora and Israel. Past allocations from the Bernard Mandell Fund include:

- \$30,000 Houston Federation (Hurricane Harvey 2018)
- \$15,000 Pittsburg Federation for the Community Resiliency Fund (2018)
- \$15,000 Los Angeles Federation for the rebuilding of the destroyed Jewish summer camps and Jewish Day School (Wildfires 2018)