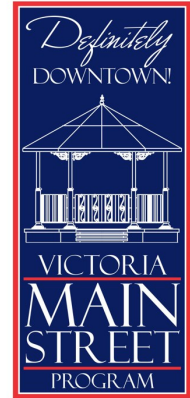


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## **DOWNTOWN BUDA PRESENTS CHECK TO DOWNTOWN VICTORIA FOR HURRICANE HARVEY RELIEF**

The Buda Downtown Merchants Group, in partnership with the Buda Main Street Program presented a check to the Victoria Main Street Program today (Tuesday, February 20, 2018). The check will assist with rebuilding efforts after Hurricane Harvey. Downtown Buda raised \$2,300 in commemorative ornament sales and through donations received during the holidays.

Victoria Main Street Program Manager, Mary Helen Barrick came to Buda to accept the donation on behalf of Victoria Main Street.

"It means so much to us and I love the idea of main street programs helping each other. It shows that this is such a good organization," said Barrick.

Buda commemorative ornaments were created by Assemblage CCG artists, Theresa Jones and Jacqueline Hollis-Martinez to sell for \$10 each with all of the proceeds benefitting a sister Main Street City affected by Hurricane Harvey. Victoria, population 67,670, had to cancel their primary fundraiser because of Harvey and their Definitely Downtown banners were destroyed during the storm. The program had to pay for the new banners in the face of decreased funding. In light of this information, the Buda Main Street Advisory Board voted to select Victoria as the recipient of these funds.

Barrick says the recovery efforts are ongoing.

"It is a process. We are strong and we are coming back bigger and better."