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## **FORMER LSU BASEBALL STAR MIKIE MAHTOOK AWARDS GRANT TO AID LOUISIANA FLOOD RELIEF EFFORTS**

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**August 23, 2016** (Baton Rouge, LA) – Former LSU Baseball star and current Tampa Bay Rays outfielder **Mikie Mahtook** announced today that the **Mikie Mahtook Foundation** has awarded a \$5,000 grant to support Baton Rouge residents affected by the recent flooding devastation. The grant was given to the LSU Foundation, which set up a student fund designated for flood victims.

“The devastation is heartbreaking,” said Mahtook, who serves as the Chairman of the Foundation. “Seeing pictures and reading the stories of people losing everything is difficult. We knew we had step up and help.”

While the Mikie Mahtook Foundation is a nonprofit organization dedicated to the education and prevention of heart disease, the Board of Directors approved this emergency grant to immediately help those impacted by the flooding.

“Mikie is always thinking of others, so this comes as no surprise,” said LSU Baseball coach Paul Mainieri. “I am proud of him and many other former LSU Baseball players that are taking a leadership role in helping the community.”

The grant to the LSU Foundation is designated for the “Student Disaster Relief Fund,” which will support students who have been impacted by the recent flooding.

### **About the Mikie Mahtook Foundation**

The Mikie Mahtook Foundation is a nonprofit organization dedicated to the education and prevention of heart disease, as well as other charitable causes.

The Foundation was established in 2014 by professional baseball outfielder and LSU College World Series Champion Mikie Mahtook in honor of his father Michael, who died of heart disease at the age of 32 when Mikie was just four years old.

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