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Come Together for Albania

Cindy Marina, Miss Universe Albania 2019 has partnered with Forza For All 501(c)3 to aid in the Albanian Earthquake Relief.

Cindy has created "Come Together for Albania" to raise funds and support the communities and families effected by the Durres Earthquake on 11/26/19. Monies raised will go to the Fondacioni Fundjave Ndryshe so local families can get the assistance they need during this difficult time. Last night, Fundjave Ndryshe brought food and blankets to thousands of people who slept in the stadium, and their efforts are ongoing.

Come Together for Albania will give people more means to recover and provide hope to those in need. Donations can be made at CindyMarina.com and GoFundMe "Come Together for Albania" starting at 12pm PST on 11/27/19.

"Difficult times remind us of our innate strength to survive and our true desire to help one another. The giving that has occurred in just the last 24 hours is simply unbelievable. Our people are incredibly generous, and I know that we will join together to recover, rebuild and support each other. Come Together for Albania is another way that we can do that, and I look forward to raising funds in the weeks and months to come.

For those of us who have had devastating losses, my heart goes out to you and I want you to know that Albanians all over the world are with you, praying for you and sending support in whatever way they can to help you, and us, heal. The donations that we collect will assist in this process and I look forward to being a leader in the long term effort to restore and rebuild.

The loss of so many homes and structures is devastating, and it will take us time to rebuild. When I look at this situation and the technology and equipment that is available today, I am motivated to find solutions. I believe we can design even better buildings, and environments that will truly support the growth of our communities and families. There are so many incredible resources available to help us thrive, and I look forward to contributing to our future success.

Witnessing people from all different nations support our relief effort has helped me to understand that there is a tremendous strength in both our global community and our human nature to help one another. With this event so present in my mind and the people of our nation close my heart, I enter the Miss Universe contest with a different understanding of community.

Twenty years ago, or fifty years ago, this kind of support was not possible. Even though we are in a very difficult situation, it is important to see the positives, to remain hopeful and to cherish what we have and how far we've come.

As a young person and college student, I want to inspire our youth to unite for Albania and do whatever they can to support those in need. Simple things like helping to clear debris or make meals for elderly can truly make a big

impact. If you aren't able to give in person, donating to Come Together for Albania will help you to connect to the local efforts making a difference.

I have been invited to the Miss Universe contest on November 28th to represent our Nation, our people, and also to connect us with others. I see very clearly that when we help each other we are stronger, and I am more excited than ever to meet the representatives from other countries and to collaborate and to create new partnerships.

I will be arriving at Miss Universe in the next few days and I will share Albania's message of hope and strength. I will walk with pride for our people and carry everyone in my heart so that all in need across the globe will have a presence and voice through me."

Visit cindymarina.com or Cindy Marina social media outlets for information and to donate starting 12/27/19 at 12pm PST

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