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How you can help Camp Fire victims



A heart shaped garden decoration is placed on the side of home on Clark Road in Paradise, (Randy Vazquez/Bay Area News Group)

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Here are ways to help the victims of the Camp Fire. Needs that were first noted for evacuees have changed. Used items like clothing and shoes are not being requested. Most requested are gift cards and money.

ANIMALS:

Butte Humane Society: Donations can be made for displaced pet owners from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. at the warehouse 2580 Fair St. Chico. The pantry is available to anyone affected by the fire in need of food and supplies for pets. 343-7917 buttehumane.org/donate/

North Valley Animal Disaster Group: Donations of large and small crates, collars, leashes, bowls, food are being taken at the old county hospital, 2279 Del Oro Road, Oroville. 895-0000. Financial donations are most critical. www.nvadg.org

FUNDRAISERS: Unwined, 980 Mangrove Ave. Chico, will host a fundraiser at 7 p.m. Nov. 15 with the band Eyes Like Lanterns. All of the donations will go to North Valley Community Foundation.

SaveMart has launched a fundraiser for financial donations for the Salvation Army. At checkout, shoppers can donate any amount. 100 percent of the donation will aid local victims. The donation will be printed on the receipt so that shoppers have a record of their donation for taxes. Participating stores include SaveMart, FoodMaxx, Lucky and Lucky California.

MONEY: Red Cross and North Valley Community Foundation are suggesting that financial contributions are the best way to help because then needs can be sized up and items purchased. Red Cross information is at www.redcross.org 1-800-733-2767 and North Valley Community Foundation is at www.nvcf.org 891-1150. Salvation army is also taking money and gift cards for victims. www.gosalarmy.org or call 1-800-725-2769.

SCHOOL SUPPLIES: School supplies for students affected by the fire are being collected from 7 a.m. to 3 p.m. today at Pleasant Valley High School, 1475 East Avenue. Organized by Pleasant Valley High School administration, items such as binders, backpacks, paper, pencils etc. are suggested. New or gently used student clothing is being collected and distributed only Tuesday.

ESSENTIALS:

In Oroville:

Needed items for Hope Center include: gift cards for groceries, fast food, retailers; backpacks or luggage; undergarments for all ages/genders; surgical gloves, single-serve nonperishable food items; car phone chargers; laundry baskets, new blankets/pillows/towels/washcloths; pet food and litter; ear plugs; reading glasses; toilet paper; toiletries/hygiene. No more used clothing. Can be dropped off at Oroville Municipal Auditorium, 1200 Myers St. 530-538-8398

In Chico:

Bidwell Presbyterian Church, 208 W. First St., Chico is taking gift cards for clothing, groceries and gas.

Salvation Army is collecting gift cards, cash and new items at the former Koret building, 1100 Maurader St., Chico 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Monday through Saturday.

HOUSING: Airbnb has activated its disaster program for Butte County, which allows members of our community to offer housing free of charge. If you are offering housing or in need of housing, visit www.airbnb.com/welcome/evacuees/buttecounty.

VICTIMS FUNDS:

Tri Counties Bank has started the Camp Fire Fund 2018 account with an initial deposit of \$25,000 to benefit victims of the Paradise ridge fires.

Donations can be made at any branch of Tri Counties Bank or online at www.gofundme.com/tcb-2018-camp-fire-fund

All funds will be distributed to people in need through local nonprofit emergency relief agencies directly, according to a press release. The organizations include United Way of Northern California, Salvation Army, Northern Valley Catholic Social Services.

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Golden Valley Bank is creating subaccounts within its foundation for businesses, employees, individuals or groups to accept contributions and self-direct funding for Camp Fire relief. The foundation will create these accounts to accept donations and disburse funds at the direction of the group or individuals who established the account. As an example, many businesses have employees or customers who are affected by the fire and may want to raise funds to assist those employees or customers in their recovery effort.

The foundation will create a special account for those funds and distribute them as directed to provide targeted relief where every dollar will directly benefit those affected. There is no charge for this service and the foundation will pay interest on these accounts. Contact bank President Mark Francis or Julia Wilson at 894-1000 or simply mention the Camp Fire Relief effort.

The foundation is also accepting general contributions for Camp Fire Relief. Checks can be made payable to GVBCF – Camp Fire and dropped off or mailed to the bank. Donations can also be accepted through the foundation's website at www.goldenvalley.bank