



How to Support the Napa Valley Fire Relief Efforts

Thank you for your interest in supporting those affected by the devastating Napa Valley fires.

In response to several major Napa County fires that started burning the night of October 8th and have displaced thousands of area residents thus far, Napa Valley Community Foundation (NVCF) has mobilized its Disaster Relief Fund.

The Fund was established in response to the South Napa Earthquake of 2014 with a \$10 million lead gift from Napa Valley Vintners, and ultimately helped provide services to more than 12,000 earthquake victims, and cash aid to 1,400 of those hardest-hit by the last declared disaster in the region.

Here's how you can help.

How can I donate to the Napa Valley Disaster Relief Fund?

For your convenience, we have several ways in which you can provide financial support to the Napa Valley Disaster Relief Fund.

- **Online:** Please visit <https://donatenow.networkforgood.org/napafirerelief> to make a secure online donation.
- **Mail:** You can submit your donation by mailing a check to: Napa Valley Community Foundation, 3299 Claremont Way, Suite 2, Napa, CA 94558.
- **Transfer securities or cash by wire:** We accept gifts of publicly traded securities and cash by wire. For your convenience, we've prepared a one-page instruction letter that you can send to your bank or investment advisory firm, which will give your financial advisor all the information he or she needs to execute a wire transfer of securities or cash. You can find this letter on our website at <http://www.napavalleycf.org/donate/>.
- **Phone/Email:** Please contact Adrienne Capps, Vice President of Development, at 707-254-9565 x23 or Adrienne@napavalleycf.org.
- **In-Person:** Currently our offices are without power, please use one of the other methods listed above.

Is my donation to the Napa Valley Disaster Relief Fund tax-deductible?

Yes, the Napa Valley Disaster Relief Fund is managed by Napa Valley Community Foundation a 501(c)3 public charity. Our Federal Tax ID is 68-0349777.

How will my donation to the Napa Valley Disaster Relief Fund be used to support families and residents affected by the Napa Valley Fires?

On Tuesday, October 10th, NVCF convened decision-makers from the nonprofit sector and local government to assess urgent needs, identify short term gaps and gather information that will inform longer-term recovery efforts. NVCF did this work in collaboration with Napa Valley Community Organizations Active in Disaster (aka, the Napa Valley COAD), a grouping of community service organizations brought together by the Foundation to improve coordination and communication among nonprofits — and between local government agencies, the charitable sector, faith communities and the private sector — following a disaster.

This week, the Foundation will also distribute immediate response grants to a targeted list of local nonprofits that were pre-approved to receive such grants following the 2014 earthquake. We will distribute \$300,000-\$500,000 in a first round of immediate support grants by Friday, October 13th.

These will go to a select group of trusted nonprofit service providers who are helping with temporary shelter, meals, medical care, child care, and mental health as well as care of animals that have been evacuated with owners. All of these nonprofits received intensive technical assistance from NVCF to boost their capacity to respond to events, such as the fires now underway in Napa County.

The next (and larger) phase of distributions is likely to focus on interim housing, much more mental health services, and helping affected residents navigate insurance company and FEMA assistance processes and applications.

I would like to donate clothes, cars or other items. Does Napa Valley Community Foundation accept donated goods?

Unfortunately, due to logistical constraints Napa Valley Community Foundation does not accept or solicit individual donations or collections of items. Items such as collected food, used clothing and shoes must be sorted, cleaned, repackaged and transported, which impedes the valuable resources of money, time, and personnel. As a point of reference, 15 semi-trailers were needed to haul away all the items contributed after the Lake County fires in 2015.

In Napa County, the Center for Volunteer & Nonprofit Leadership was activated as an Emergency Volunteer Center to oversee the coordination of donated items/goods. They have informed Napa Valley Community Foundation that donated items/goods are not needed at this point in Napa County. Needs are developing, so they ask that people please check back in on their website at <https://cvnl.org>, asking for no phone calls at this time please.

Please consider making a financial contribution to Napa Valley Community Foundation through our Napa Valley Disaster Relief Fund. For more information on making your contribution, see page one of this document.

Through cash contributions, Napa Valley Community Foundation and its nonprofit partners providing relief services on the ground can do more good for more people, with greater speed and sensitivity than with unrequested material donations. Cash donations provide medical and other services now, and rebuild infrastructure later.

How can I fundraise on behalf of the Napa Valley Disaster Relief Fund?

Thank you for your interest in supporting those affected by the devastating Napa Valley fires.

If you own or operate a business, and wish to contribute a portion of your sales proceeds to the Napa Valley Disaster Relief Fund, we would welcome your support. For more information on coordinating your donation, please contact Adrienne Capps, Vice President of Development, at 707-254-9565 x23 or Adrienne@napavalleycf.org.

If you are interested in organizing a fundraising event, we will be evaluating event-based fundraisers on a case-by-case basis because they can generate a significant amount of administrative work for Foundation staff. We need to consider the capacity of your group to assist in generating legally-mandated communications with donors and event attendees regarding the tax-deductibility of various kinds of gifts. We hope you'll understand that, while we greatly appreciate your generosity and willingness to support our relief efforts, Napa Valley Community Foundation may only be able to partner with a select number of groups to fundraise in this way. For more information, please contact Adrienne Capps, Vice President of Development, at 707-254-9565 x23 or Adrienne@napavalleycf.org.

Does Napa Valley Community Foundation need volunteers?

In Napa County, the Center for Volunteer & Nonprofit Leadership was activated as an Emergency Volunteer Center to oversee volunteer activities. They have informed Napa Valley Community Foundation that volunteers are not needed at this point in Napa County. Needs are developing, so they ask that people please check back in on their website at <https://cvnl.org>, asking for no phone calls at this time please.

I want to help raise money for a specific family who was affected by disaster. Can I make my gift through Napa Valley Community Foundation?

We applaud your desire to help a family at a difficult time, but unfortunately gifts for a specific family or person cannot be made through Napa Valley Community Foundation. We are committed to helping every family and resident in need recover from the devastating fires, but IRS rules preclude donors from earmarking or restricting their tax-deductible contributions to a particular person or family.

I donated online and now I have questions about it. Who can I call?

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