**Lake County Valley Fire Relief Benefits & Resources in Sonoma County**

Below is a list of organizations collecting funds - benefits, locations for collecting goods, etc. Please feel free to let me know of more - vesta@sonic.net. THANK YOU

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**Redwood Credit Union's Fire Relief Fund**
[www.redwoodcu.org/firerelief](http://www.redwoodcu.org/firerelief)[www.redwoodcu/lakecountyfirevictims](https://www.redwoodcu.org/about-rcu/news-announcements-specials/rockyfire)**In branch:** [Locate your nearest branch.](https://www.redwoodcu.org/about-rcu/locations-hours-atms#tab2)**By mail:** Mail check payable to **Redwood Credit Union** to:
RCU Lake County Fire Relief c/o Redwood Credit Union, PO Box 6104, Santa Rosa, CA 95406.
Contributions to the fund may be made securely online via credit card or at any RCU location via cash deposit, direct funds transfer, or checks payable to Lake County Fire Victims Fund.
RCU has also created special loan and financial assistance programs for those who have been directly impacted by the fires. For more information on these programs, please call 1 (800) 479-7928 option 3, 6.

**Provident Credit Union’s Fire Relief Fund**
100% of the proceeds will be distributed to nonprofit agencies in the Lake County community to assist in the recovery effort. Additionally, ***Provident will match proceeds up to $5,000***. [More Details](http://providentcu.org/AFrames/WhatsHotFrames/NewsFrames/Article.asp?a=Lake_County_Fire_2015-09)
**In branch:** [providentcu.org](https://www.redwoodcu.org/about-rcu/locations-hours-atms#tab2)Phone: (800) 632-4600, opt. 0
**By mail:** mail a check payable to Lake County Fire Victims Fund c/o Provident Credit Union to this address:
ATTN: Lake County Fire Victim's Fund
Provident Credit Union
303 Twin Dolphin Drive
Redwood Shores, CA 94065

**American Red Cross**
Choose "Your Local Red Cross" in the drop down menu
<https://www.redcross.org/donate/donation>707-577-7607
SEND to: 5297 Aero Drive, Santa Rosa, CA 95403

**America Red Cross SAFE & WELL site** - people checking in for loved ones and letting others know they are OK: <https://safeandwell.communityos.org/cms/index.php>

**Valley Fire Animal Victims Support GoFundMe page**
All money raised will go to animal shelters in the areas affected by the fire
<http://www.gofundme.com/4k42p7fk>

**The Lake County Emergency Operations Center** (EOC): <http://www.lakecountylac.com>

**Lake County Scanner News Fire/EMS/Police:** <https://www.facebook.com/scannernews?fref=ts> LOST OR MISSING LOVED ONES? This Post thread will be dedicated to the posting of Info on missing loved ones. Or if you are "OK" please post here to let your family know. Feel Free to Repost!

**LOVE Lake County Fire Relief:** <http://www.lovelakecounty.org>. This sie has is a list of Donation Centers (nonprofits, businesses and individuals) who are dedicated to helping the Lake County fire relief effort. They need all our help and support, in the form of donations, volunteer work, or direct cash funding. As always, we recommend being vigilant when evaluating an organization to give to. This is a volunteer compiled list and not all opportunties have been verified.

**Help Lake County Facebook Page:** <https://www.facebook.com/events/941616135860810/permalink/941830029172754/>

**ANIMALS**

**Lost & Found for Lake County Pets:** <https://www.facebook.com/Valley-Fire-Lake-County-Lost-or-Found-Pets-898329660260383/timeline/>

**PET Lost and Found for Lake County Fires:** <https://www.facebook.com/lakecountypets?fref=ts>

**Lake County FOUND Animals Board:** <http://www.co.lake.ca.us/Government/Directory/Animal_Care_And_Control/Search/FoundAnimals.htm>

**Lake County Fires Donation Drop Off- PETALUMA:** <https://www.facebook.com/events/1047838655240445/>

**Sonoma County Humane Society** and other area rescues are helping lake county animal rescues and shelter. They are in dire need of supplies: Crates, food and water dishes/bowls, bedding, towels, food, water, chews like bully sticks (combat stress for dogs), collars, leashes, flea and tick products, bandages, wraps, fly wipe, fly guards for horses, etc. there are several places in Lake County who are helping animals. <http://sonomahumane.org>

**Wine Country Animal Lovers** - <https://www.facebook.com/winecountryanimallovers?fref=photo&hc_location=ufi>

**Lake County Animal Care & Control:** <https://www.facebook.com/L.C.AnimalControl?fref=nf>

**Petaluma Animal Services:** Army of Kindness <https://www.facebook.com/Petaluma-Animal-Services-211690755543601/timeline/?hc_location=ufi>

**Frizelle Enos Feeds**, (Sonoma County) Penngrove (707-992-0144) or Sebastopol (707-823-6404) has set up a donation account for **SAFER (Sonoma Action for Equine Rescue)** to buy what is needed, Frizelle Enos has delivery trucks waiting to haul the feeds to Lake County and evac centers. We are about 45 minutes south of the devastated town of Middletown -- lots of livestock and horses up there. Animal evac center set up at Napa Fairgrounds, Petaluma Animal Services helping with small animals. Thanks Horse Peeps!!

**FOOD & CLOTHING:**

**Andy's Market in Sebastopol** is taking donations of food and dr goods. 8am to 8pm 1691 Gravenstein Hwy N, Sebastopol, CA 95472
(707) 823-8661 <http://andysproduce.com>**Valley Fire Donations** through Andy's Produce Market for larger items people wish to donate - <https://www.facebook.com/Valley-Fire-Donations-899858196761274/timeline/>

**Middletown High School help:** El Molino High School in Forestville is taking donations for their fellow high school - At least 8 - 10 of the staff at MHS have lost everything and many of the students families there have as well. Their Principal told said his kids could really use gift cards to places like Big 5, Sports Authority, and Dick's Sporting Goods to replace all of the athletic gear they lost. This would go a long way to helping them rebuild their programs as many will struggle to just get the basics, and have nothing left over for a new pair of cleats, volleyballs, soccer equipment, and so on. - Ron Wright, El Molino Booster President

Send donations to:
El Molino Boosters
7050 Covey Rd
Forestville, CA 95436
Make a note that it is for Middletown Mustangs

**St Andrews Church in Monte Rio** - will be receiving donations all day today, tomorrow, and Wednesday - <http://www.standrews-redwoods.org>

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| 20329 CA-116, Monte Rio, CA 95462(707) 865-0834 |

**UPDATES:**

**CalFire:** <http://www.fire.ca.gov> - direct links to Valley Fire information were not working when I checked - keep trying. They have a facebook pages as well but that is also fdown when i checked. I'm sure they are busy!

**Sonoma County Sheriff** - best is through their fcebook page since they update it more frequently than their website: <https://www.facebook.com/sonoma.sheriff>

**Photos and Information** - [Posterity Productions](https://www.facebook.com/PosterityProductions/photos/pb.137782922982717.-2207520000.1442214923./890200177740984/?type=1&theater)

**MAPS:**

[Mapping Support.com](http://www.mappingsupport.com/p/gmap4.php?ll=38.898646%2C-122.503027&z=12&t=h%2CMODIS_thermal%2CWind_in_6_hrs%2CFires&q=http%3A%2F%2Fwww.mappingsupport.com%2Fp%2Ffires%2Fwildland_fires_basic.txt)

**BENEFITS:**

**Sept 14 ~** In response to the devastating Valley Fire Community Market, Sebastopol will be holding a donation drive **Monday morning** at the **Barlow Community Market**. Please see the list below for items being collected - this list is applicable to all benefits collecting materials. We also will have cans at each register where we will be collecting cash donations for both human and animal victims.

**Sep 14 ~ The Rattigam Building**, 50 D Street, Santa Rosa INFO: Karlene.Reibich@sem.ca.gov or 707-576-2771

**Sep 14 - 15 ~** [Alternative Roofing Solutions, Inc/ ARS Roofing, Gutters & Waterproofing](https://www.facebook.com/pages/Alternative-Roofing-Solutions-Inc-ARS-Roofing-Gutters-Waterproofing/135140713180234), 3327 Mcmaude Pl, Santa Rosa. Sep 14 at 7:00am to Sep 15 at 4:00pm. Sabrina Krause is renting a uhaul to take items to the displaced families in Lake County. If you have items that you can donate please bring to 3327 McMaude Place, Santa Rosa. Remember these are babies, children, adults and pets so clothes, shoes, food, toothbrushes, and so many more items are needed. Hours are 8-3 but you can feel free to leave the items outside starting at 7am Monday morning. We will collect for two days and start getting these items to people by Wed. So please take some time on Sunday to gather some things to bring!!!! I know my family and friends need help. This is the most devastating thing to happen to Lake County. Seeing my hometown burn down........words cannot explain the feeling. Thank you for your help.

**Sep 17 ~ Benefit Dinner at the Sebastopol Grange** - 6000 Sebastopol Rd (Hwy 12), Sebastopol. Join The Farmers Guild and the [Sebastopol Grange #306](https://www.facebook.com/pages/Sebastopol-Grange-306/178656252188922) for a benefit dinner, auction and food drive all to support victims of the Valley Fire in Lake County, CA. Donations will be accepted at the door on a sliding scale--please give what you can. We are also seeking contributions of potluck items for the evening as well as food and other supplies to be donated to the many wildfire victims. To get involved with this event or to offer donations of food or auction items, please contact evan@farmersguild.org. <https://www.facebook.com/events/122420601444570/>

**Mary's Pizza Dine & Donate:** ALL mary's 20% of sales go to Fire Victoms - not sure who they give them to - you might ask.

**What's needed in highest demand:**
Tents
Air Mattresses and cots
Pillows
Phone Chargers
Dry and Canned Pet Food
(Dog, Cat, Kitten)
Animal crates and carriers small and large
Dog Bowls (Any bowls for food and water)
Can Openers
Other pet supplies
(litter, bedding, leashes, collars)
Diapers
Baby Strollers
Baby Carries
Personal Protection Equipment
(Masks, latex gloves, etc.)
Boxes
Duct Tape

**Other items:**

Non-perishable food items (that don't need to be cooked)
Can Openers
Camp stoves
Propane
Water
Personal hygiene products
(toothbrushes, tooth paste, deodorant, baby wipes, soap, etc)
Diapers in all sizes
Formula
Baby Food
Blankets
New Socks
New Underwear
Toilet Paper
Feminine Hygene Products
Bandaids, Antibacterial Ointment, Etc.
Duffle Bags
Suitcases
Children's books
Coloring Books
Coloring supplies

Help transporting donations to evacuation centers would be greatly appreciated by anyone able and willing.

**DROP OFF LOCATIONS - ALL WEEK.** IF PEOPLE AREN'T HOME LEAVE ON PORCHES, DRIVEWAYS, ETC. IT WILL GET DELIVERED IMMEDIATELY.

Santa Rosa 2049 W Steele Lane T&B Sports
Santa Rosa Fountain Grove Inn 101 Fountaingrove Parkway
Sebastopol 380 Morris St Suite F (New Vintage Artists Record Label/Studio)- on backside\ opposite side of building from Morris St
Sebastopol 899 Watertrough Road
Rohnert Park 1245 Honeybrooke pl
Windsor 132 Johnson Street
Windsor 653 Claudius Way
Windsor 5900 Pruitt Ave
Petaluma North Bay Self Storage and UHaul
Healdsburg 332 Piper St
Napa Vanity Salon 920 Franklin St.
Napa Fume Bistro
Napa The Roost
Napa 1680 E St. Napa
Yountville 6505 Washington St Cornerstone Cellars
Vacaville136 shady Glen Court
Ukiah 720 N State St.
Fort Bragg Seabird Lodge
Willits JD Redhouse
Scramento Napa Distribution Center on Northgate
Forestville 6470 Mirabel Road (starting Monday)

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***Here's a VERY HELPFUL Summation of how to help in many ways*** *by Nancy Hellesen Sandborn*

I notice that officials have asked that we not bring donations except tents to the Calistoga shelter. From experience helping during two 100 year floods in Sonoma County, let me make a few observations.

Money is always the best donation - it can be used where needed by those in authority closest to the disaster who know the immediate needs.

For people who have lost their homes, they are not going back after an "all clear". They need money for rent to get into new housing. Rentals are almost impossible in Sonoma County right now and will become that way in Lake County after this fire.

Lots of people are willing to donate clothes.
Few people are willing or have the time to sort and set up selection sites for refugees to get clothes in a manner that doesn't feel like they are digging through a pile.

(I volunteered at a collection point for donations during a major flood. We had a space the size of Home Depot. It had several "mountains" of clothing 10 feet tall. One had to climb over the piles to pull clothes out. There were few people organizing it and it was apparent they had given up trying. When I started coming across bathing suits for Jan. evacuees, that's when I realized people started using the flood donation as "house cleaning/clearing" for themselves. Summer clothing, bathing suits, and yes, DIRTY diapers all showed up.)

All this to say - make appropriate to the season and environment clothing donations.

What is needed now -

shelter/tents, sleeping bags/bedding - think "camping"

Food - in the shelter provided by hosts (again, monetary donations) ,but individually packaged snack foods, juices and waters

Money to get into housing, trailers, travel to family

Gas cards

Children's books, games, toys to occupy kids while parents are meeting with FEMA, Red Cross, etc.

Childcare - must be careful here, need to be screened

Personal size toiletries - while in the shelter, they cannot store large bottles. Include a box of bandages and some antibacterial cream. Some bandaids come with the antibacterial already on the pad.

Plastic lidded tubs for storing belongings under cots. Small ones filled with personal toiletries are great, also.

Clothing - must not be your worn-out or almost worn out clothes and shoes. Must be clean. Best to box or bag according to gender and size. LABEL the boxes and bags so one can see at a glance "Boys, size 3". If you're up to making bags with complete outfits including underwear that can be grabbed and used to dress a person immediately, label that well, too.

Underwear should be new or nearly new quality. (underpants, bras, socks)

One could package clothing of a specific gender and size, along with a personal toiletries bag/container in a lidded tub or rolling suitcase. These people will be moving eventually. Make it easy on them.

They have asked that we stop bringing donations, except for tents. What I have suggested can be assembled and at the ready for when they call on the community again to help.

Meanwhile - money donations to the agencies helping the disaster victims is still and will always, be collected.

Volunteering to help on food lines, sorting, etc. will depend on your connections and certifications. You may not be able to just walk up and volunteer at a shelter if you haven't had their emergency raining. But, perhaps your church, or club or neighborhood is gathering and organizing donations to be sent on. You can get involved that way.

Remember that after the initial shock and horror has passed, people will be needing help for a while. While their physical needs be met, they need empathy, sympathy and people to talk to, shoulders to cry on. Their lives have been turned upside down - in the matter of just a few hours. They are trauma survivors and will experience PTSD.

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