Resource Guide

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Dos Pueblos High School (Shelter CLOSED at Noon 5/10/09)

Shelter · Standby

Red Cross Emergency Evacuation Shelter, School
7266 Alameda Avenue, Goleta, CA

Web www.sbredcross.org
Serves Santa Barbara County, CA
Eligibility Evacuees: Jesusita Wildfire 5/09
Service Temporary

Santa Barbara, CA, May 11, 2009 – The American Red Cross, Santa Barbara County Chapter has closed its Emergency Shelter at Dos Pueblos High School. Anyone in need of a safe place to stay due to the Jesusita Fire is encouraged to go to the Red Cross Emergency Shelter at the Multi Activity Center on the UCSB Campus. This shelter will be opened 24 hours a day until further notice (map). Small animals can be taken to the Humane Society at 5399 Overpass Road in Goleta. Large animals can be evacuated to Earl Warren Showgrounds at 3400 Calle Real.

SOURCE: NOOZHAWK/Santa Barbara/Goleta, CA

The American Red Cross–Santa Barbara County Chapter has opened a second Red Cross shelter at UCSB's Recreation Center. Take Highway 217 to the campus and follow the Emergency Shelter signs.

The shelter at Dos Pueblos High School, 7266 Alameda Ave. in Goleta, is at capacity. Go to: http://www.sbredcross.org/ for more information, or call 805.687.1331.

Shelter moved from First Presbyterian Church in Santa Barbara to Dos Pueblos High School 5/6/09.

The American Red Cross will open a secondary facility at UCSB's Multicultural Center if the need arises, authorities said late Tuesday (5/7).

County Jesusita Fire Call Center: 805–681–5197
Animal Hotline: 805–681–4332

Services offered: Meals * (ANY/ALL Types) ; Meals, Shelter Served Meals (Evacuation/Emergency); Shelter * (ANY/ALL Types); Shelter, Evacuation Shelter; Water, * Bottles (ANY/ALL Types of Bottled Water)
Campaigns: 2009 Central Pacific Coast Jesusita Wildfire; American Red Cross / Int'l Federation of RC / ICRC / IFRC; Salvation Army
Updated Dec 8, 2009 · https://reliefdb.org/shelters/4338

Santa Barbara County Animal Services

Animal Shelter · Open

Animal Rescue – Pet Evacuation
5473 Overpass Road, Goleta, CA 93111

Phone (805) 681–5285
Service Temporary

Our shelter hours are Monday through Friday 9:00 a.m. to 4:45 p.m..
On Saturday we are open from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

The Santa Barbara Humane Society is FULL as of 6:30 pm 5/6/09 for animals evacuated from the Jesusita Wildfire. You can take small animals to the Santa Barbara County Animal Services to shelter.

From Highway 101, exit at Patterson Road, turn toward the ocean (you'll want to get in the right lane). At the bottom of the highway overpass, turn right on Overpass Road. Follow the road around...past the Humane Society... you will see us on the right hand side.

Services offered: Animals, Adoption, Animals for Adoption; Animals, Animal Control Professionals; Demographic Served: Animals; Demographic Served: Survivors, Natural Disaster Impacted Communities; Shelter, Animals, Animal Shelter; Shelter, Animals, Small Pet/Animal Emergency/Evacuation Shelter; Shelter * (ANY/ALL Types)
Campaigns: 2008 California Wildfires; 2009 Central Pacific Coast Jesusita Wildfire; Government, State/County
Updated Jan 9, 2010 · https://reliefdb.org/shelters/4341

UCSB Multi Activity Center (STANDBY 5/14/09)

Shelter · Standby

Red Cross Emergency Evacuation Shelter, School
7266 Alameda Avenue, Goleta, CA

Web www.sbredcross.org
Serves Santa Barbara County, CA
Eligibility Evacuees: 5/09 Jesusita Wildfire

Service Temporary

5/14/09 update from the Red Cross website:

Evacuation Centers
UCSB Multi Activity Center is now on standby status
The Red Cross has placed the Emergency Shelter at the Multi Activity Center (aka Rec Center) on the UCSB Campus on standby status and it will be re–opened if future fire evacuation announcements warrant. Anyone currently in need of assistance should go to the Red Cross Service Center at 2101 State Street (map) or call the American Red Cross, Santa Barbara County Chapter at (805) 687–1331.

5/11/09 update from the Red Cross website:

Evacuation Centers
UCSB Multi Cultural Center still open
Anyone in need of a safe place to stay due to the Jesusita Fire is encouraged to go to the Red Cross Emergency Shelter at the Multi Activity Center on the UCSB Campus. This shelter will be opened 24 hours a day until further notice (map). Small animals can be taken to the Humane Society at 5399 Overpass Road in Goleta. Large animals can be evacuated to Earl Warren Showgrounds at 3400 Calle Real.

Second Red Cross Emergency Shelter now open
UCSB Multi Activity Center

The Red Cross emergency shelter at Dos Pueblos High School (7266 Alameda Avenue in Goleta) is currently at full capacity. We've opened a second shelter at the UCSB Multi Activity Center on the UCSB campus. To get there, take Ward Memorial Highway (217) into UCSB, turn right at Mesa Road after the entrance and go 3 stop lights to Ocean and turn left. From there follow the signs to the shelter. The shelter is behind the main gym on Ocean

Services offered: Meals * (ANY/ALL Types) ; Meals, Shelter Served Meals (Evacuation/Emergency); Shelter * (ANY/ALL Types); Shelter, Evacuation Shelter; Shelter, Red Cross Shelter Updates
Campaigns: 2009 Central Pacific Coast Jesusita Wildfire; American Red Cross / Int'l Federation of RC / ICRC / IFRC; Salvation Army
Updated May 14, 2009 · https://reliefdb.org/shelters/4349

211 – Santa Barbara

Info/Hotline · Open

211, United Way
Santa Barbara, CA

Phone 211
Web www.211sbcounty.org/pb/211.htm
Serves Santa Barbara Colunty, CA
Eligibility Residents in need of resources / Impacted by the 5/09 Jesusita Wildfires
Service Permanent

Now finding the help you need is as easy as dialing 2–1–1

2–1–1 is an easy to remember phone number for non–emergency information and referral, crisis intervention, and suicide prevention. 2–1–1 is to health and human services what 911 is to emergency services.

How does 2–1–1 work?

2–1–1 HelpLine calls are answered by trained, multilingual staff 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, and are confidential. Staff help identify what program or programs will best meet the caller?s needs, provide information, connect, and/or refer callers directly to the programs that will assist them. Staff also provide immediate crisis intervention and suicide prevention. As with all 2–1–1 calls, these calls are strictly confidential.

2–1–1 HelpLine is the first point–of–access to all community services, including shelter and housing, food, drug and alcohol abuse prevention and treatment, health facilities, counseling, mental health services, senior issues, financial assistance, legal assistance, child care, child and elder abuse services, recreation, disaster relief, crisis intervention and suicide prevention, and much more. 2–1–1 is also the number to call when you are looking for ways to give back to the community, find volunteer opportunities, and other ways to support local organizations.

Disaster Relief

In the event of an emergency or disaster in or affecting Santa Barbara County, 2–1–1 HelpLine is now the public resource for immediate information on response, relief and recovery efforts. For example, road closures, evacuation areas, emergency shelters, animal housing, school closures, donation locations and volunteer opportunities, where to go to speak with Federal Emergency Management representatives, insurance adjusters, and more.

What Types of Resources are Available Through 2–1–1?

Basic Human Needs Resources:
Food banks, clothing closets, shelters, rent and utility assistance, housing, and legal assistance

Physical and Mental Health Resources:
Health insurance programs, medical information lines, crisis services, support groups, counseling, drug and alcohol intervention

Employment Support:
Financial assistance, job training, transportation assistance programs

Support for Older Americans and Persons with Disabilities:
Transportation, Adult day care, community meals, Meals on Wheels, respite care, home health care, and homemaker services

Support for Children, Youth and Families:
Childcare, after school programs, Head Start resources centers, summer camps and year round recreation programs, mentoring, tutoring, and Child Protective Services

Volunteer Opportunities and Donation & Sponsorship opportunities:
2–1–1 provides volunteer information and ways to donate to specific organizations

Disaster Relief Services:
2–1–1 will serve as the hub for disaster related information as part of the County Disaster Task Force

What are the benefits of 2–1–1 service?

A single number that is easy to remember

One–stop call center for a variety of services

Single point of access for community, health, government, and social services

Simple for everyone, especially useful for vulnerable populations

Reduces confusion, frustration, and unnecessary delay in reaching services, preventing last–minute crises

Directs people to the right services quickly

Coordinated state–level disaster response services

Provides critical information for community services planning

Reduction in non–emergency calls to 911

Access to critical services at local, state and federal level

2–1–1 Online; www.211sbcounty.org

The online 2–1–1 HelpLine Directory, located at www.211sbcounty.org, allows each nonprofit organization to update their programs and services information daily. For example, updates may include number of spaces available, waiting list information, blood drive locations, seasonal changes and any important change or addition. This updated information is available both to 2–1–1 HelpLine staff and to the public through the website.

Examples of calls to the 2–1–1 HelpLine include:

A senior citizen wanting home care support in order to live independently
A homeless person seeking shelter, a place to get out of the cold or to have a hot meal
A family facing eviction and needing housing options
A recent immigrant needing language and employment training
A pregnant woman seeking information about prenatal care
A laid–off worker wanting to find out about employment insurance
A family searching for child–care services in their community or close to work
A parent asking where to get food for their family
A concerned neighbor trying to help a friend in an abusive relationship
A family trying to find services for their son with a newly–diagnosed illness a person feeling stressed and suicidal
A person experiencing or reporting child or elder abuse

Where does 2–1–1 exist?

2–1–1 is currently available to over 225 million people across the United States. As of August 2007, 240 2–1–1 systems are active in 45 states (21 with 100% coverage), plus Washington, DC and Pureto Rico, reaching more than 75% of the U.S. population (www.211.org). In California 19 counties have 2–1–1 services available, currently serving approximately 84% of the population.

History of 2–1–1

Since 1998, a 2–1–1 collaborative has been working towards a nationwide 2–1–1 system, resulting in the Federal Communications Commission?s (FCC) July 2000 ruling that set aside 2–1–1 as the universal, easy to remember number for community information across the country.

The United Way of Metropolitan Atlanta was the first to use the 2–1–1–abbreviated dialing code as an information and referral hotline in 1997. United Way of Connecticut followed in 1998, turning their InfoLine into a centralized, statewide helpline using

2–1–1 in 1999 and experienced a 40 percent increase in calls seeking assistance. The need for a 2–1–1 service was highlighted in New York, where no such service existed, after September 11 when 400 hotline ?800? numbers had to be activated. During that same period in Connecticut, which had a 2–1–1 service, 95% of calls for non–emergency information were handled by 2–1–1.

In 2003, The California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC) unanimously approved an order to implement 2–1–1 dialing in California. In 2004, Family Service Agency of Santa Barbara County was selected to be the provider of the 2–1–1 service for Santa Barbara County. Family Service Agency has been providing 24– hour confidential phone information, referral and crisis intervention through its Community Resources and Information Service (CRIS) HelpLine since 1993.

On July 1, 2005 2–1–1 service was launched in Santa Barbara, Los Angeles, Orange, Riverside, and San Diego counties. Ventura County re–launched its service, which began on February 11, 2005.

Services offered: Assistance * (ANY Type of: Referrals or "How to" Assistance); Assistance, How to Find, Emergency Food Assistance; Assistance, How to, Navigate Disaster Relief Resources; Assistance, Referrals, Case Management Referrals; Assistance, Referrals, Childcare/Childrens Programs; Assistance, Referrals, Counseling, Disaster Survivor Counseling Referrals; Assistance, Referrals, Housing, Disabled, Accessible Housing Referrals for Disabled; Assistance, Referrals, Housing, Housing Referrals (For Seniors/Elders); Assistance, Referrals, Housing, Housing Resource Referrals; Assistance, Referrals, Information & Referral (For Seniors/Elders); Assistance, Referrals, Legal Referrals; Assistance, Referrals, Medical Resources Referral; Assistance, Referrals, Mental Health Resources; Assistance, Referrals, Services for Special Needs Folks; Assistance, Referrals, Substance Abuse Treatment Referrals & Resources; Demographic Served: Homeless; Demographic Served: Hungry; Demographic Served: Low Income Folks; Demographic Served: Seniors / Elderly; Demographic Served: Special Needs; Demographic Served: Survivors, Natural Disaster Impacted Communities; Demographic Served: Survivors, Violence; Directories, Directory of Services, Case Management; Directories, Directory of Services, Disabled Services; Directories, Directory of Services, Regional; Directories, Financial Assistance Programs; Directories of Services & Programs * (ANY/ALL Types); Directories, Online Database Resource; Directories, Youth Services & After–School Programs; Information Resource * (ANY/ALL Types); Information Resource, County Resources, Contacts & Services (County Level); Information Resource, Resources Available to Disaster Survivors; Information Resource, Youth Services; Support for "All" Disasters
Campaigns: 2008 California Wildfires; 2009 Central Pacific Coast Jesusita Wildfire
Updated May 17, 2009 · https://reliefdb.org/shelters/4379

Catholic Charities, Santa Barbara Region

Info/Hotline · Open

Faith–based Non–Profit – Disaster Relief/Recovery
609 East Haley Street, Santa Barbara, CA 93103

Phone (805) 965–7045
Web www.catholiccharitiesla.org/where–we–are/santa–barbara–region–santa–barbara–county.html
Serves Santa Barbara County, CA
Service Temporary

Catholic Charities Counseling Services
The program provides access to affordable counseling services for individuals and their families, especially those who have limited or no financial resources, and provides support to Archdiocesan schools and parishes, especially in times of crisis. Counseling is available at four sites in Los Angeles and Santa Barbara counties: Pomona, San Pedro, Venice and Santa Barbara. Services include pre–marital and marital counseling, group therapy, crisis counseling, domestic violence counseling, assessment, information and referral.

Santa Barbara Region
609 East Haley Street, Santa Barbara, CA 93103 (805) 965–7045

Web site: http://www.catholiccharitiesla.org/index.php?option=com_content&view=article&id=49&Itemid=53#counseling

During these difficult economic times, the Santa Barbara Region of Catholic Charities is committed to helping those who are struggling. With the support of dedicated community members and volunteers, the Region has developed a wide range of services that cater to families and individuals in need.

The Region's well known Thrifty Shopper stores in Santa Barbara and Santa Maria represent a community effort to help. Donations from the public provide clients with free clothing and household goods while revenue from sales help support the agency's programs and services.

As the largest non–profit distributor of food in Santa Barbara County, Catholic Charities delivered over 1.3 million pounds of food during 2008.

Services offered: Advocacy, * (ANY/ALL Types); Advocacy, Battered Women ; Advocacy, Disaster Survivors; Advocacy, Domestic Violence; Advocacy, Health & Human Rights; Assistance * (ANY Type of: Referrals or "How to" Assistance); Assistance, How to, File Disaster Disability Benefits; Assistance, How To, File Disaster Unemployment Claims; Assistance, How to, File Food Stamp Application; Assistance, How to Find, Emergency Food Assistance; Assistance, How to, Navigate Disaster Relief Resources; Assistance, How To, Navigating Disaster Survivor Insurance Process ; Assistance, Referrals, Case Management Referrals; Assistance, Referrals, Counseling, Childrens Counseling Referrals; Assistance, Referrals, Counseling, Disaster Survivor Counseling Referrals; Assistance, Referrals * General Information & Referral; Assistance, Referrals, Health

Referrals; Assistance, Referrals, Mental Health Resources; Case Management, Disabled/Handicapped; Case Management, for Special Needs Folks; Case Management, Homeless; Case Management, Long–Term Case Management; Case Management, Low Income (Individuals/Families); Case Management, LTRC, Long Term Recovery Committee; Case Management, Mental Health; Case Management, * (Providers of ANY Type of Case Management); Case Management, Seniors/Elders; Case Management, Wildfire Survivors; Counseling, Crisis Counseling; Counseling, Crisis Intervention Counseling; Counseling, Domestic Abuse Support; Counseling, Emotional; Counseling, for Caregivers; Counseling (Free or Sliding Scale) * (ANY/ALL Types of Counseling); Counseling, Group Counseling; Counseling, Group Counseling for Seniors; Counseling, Mental Health, Sliding Scale; Counseling, Post Disaster Counseling; Counseling, Spiritual; Counseling, Substance Abuse ; Counseling, Support Group * (ANY/ALL Types); Counseling, Support Group for Caregivers; Counseling, Support Group (Post Disaster); Counseling, Trauma Counseling Services; Diapers * (ANY/ALL Types/Sizes); Distribution, Clothing Closet; Financial Assistance, ** Financial Assistance (ANY/ALL Types); Financial Assistance, Housing, Rental Assistance; Financial Assistance, Utility Bill Assistance; Food Distribution, Food Pantry (Distributes to the Public); Hotline * (ANY/ALL Types); Hotline, Crisis Hotline; Hotline, Health Information/Resource Hotline; Information Resource * (ANY/ALL Types); Information Resource, Insurance Advice and Guidelines for Disaster Survivors; Mental Health, Counselors/Psychologists; Services *0* (Choose this if You Provide or Need ANY Type of Social Services); Services, Emergency Services; Support for "All" Disasters; Thrift Store; Toiletries, Personal Hygiene Products * (ANY/ALL Types) ; Training * (ANY/ALL Types of Instruction) ; Training Classes, Life Skills, Misc.; Vouchers * (ANY/ALL Types); Vouchers, Food Vouchers
Campaigns: 2008 California Wildfires; Catholic Charities; LTRC, Long Term Recovery Committee
Updated Dec 21, 2009 · https://reliefdb.org/shelters/3936

Earl Warren Showgrounds (Livestock Evacuation Center)

Animal Shelter · Standby

3400 Calle Real; (Use the Los Positas entrance), Santa Barbara, CA 93105

Phone 805–681–4332 Santa Barbara County Emergency Operations
Web www.earlwarren.com
Serves Goleta, Santa Barbara Co., CA
Eligibility Livestock/Pet Evacuee's Impacted by the Gap Wildfire 7/1/08
Service Temporary

Large animal/livestock evacuation shelter.

For more information or questions regarding animal evacuations you can call Santa Barbara County Emergency Operations at 805–681–4332.

Services offered: Demographic Served: Animals; Demographic Served: Survivors, Natural Disaster Impacted Communities; Shelter * (ANY/ALL Types); Shelter, Livestock Evacuation Shelter
Campaigns: 2009 Central Pacific Coast Jesusita Wildfire
Updated May 17, 2009 · https://reliefdb.org/shelters/3293

Foodbank of Santa Barbara County

Warehouse · Open

Food Bank
4554 Hollister Ave., Santa Barbara, CA 93110

Phone (805) 967–5741 Fax: (805) 683–4951
Web www.foodbanksbc.org/index.html
Checks payable to Foodbank of Santa Barbara County
Service Temporary

NORTH OFFICE

490 W. Foster Rd.
Santa Maria, CA 93455
Phone: (805) 937–3422
Fax: (805) 937–8750

Member Agencies & Programs – North County
North County includes: Buellton, Five Cities (SLO County), Guadalupe, Lompoc, Los Alamos, Los Olivos, New Cuyama, Nipomo, Orcutt, Santa Maria, Santa Ynez, Sisquoc, Solvang

Member Agencies & Programs – South County
South County includes: Carpinteria, Goleta, Isla Vista, Santa Barbara

ABOUT US
The mission of the Foodbank is to feed hungry people by obtaining surplus food and distributing it to member agencies who serve a wide spectrum of individuals and families. During 2006, the Foodbank of Santa Barbara

County distributed over 5.5 million pounds of food from two warehouse locations in Santa Barbara and Santa Maria.

Partners: In 2006, over 100,000 people in Santa Barbara County were served by Foodbank member agencies. The Foodbank distributes food to over 220 social service programs and agencies, churches and community groups from Carpinteria to Santa Maria.

Food Donors: The Foodbank depends upon community–minded individuals, businesses and corporations for support. The surplus and donated food comes from many sources; over 400 donors contributed food and other commodities during 2006, in addition to the thousands of pounds of food collected through local food drives.

Locally, food items such as bread, produce, dairy and deli items are donated daily by retail stores. Local growers and packers donate fresh fruit and vegetables. Individuals, businesses, and community groups, contribute through food drives.

Throughout the State, food banks share donations and trade for items they cannot obtain in their area. Surplus food and other items collected by store chains are transported to the Foodbank warehouses, sorted by volunteers, and distributed to member agencies.

Services offered: Demographic Served: Low Income Folks; Food Distribution, Children, BackPack Program ; Food Distribution, Food Bank ONLY (No Walk–In Service); Food Distribution, Food Bank (This Site Supplies Food Pantries/Agencies); Volunteer Opportunities, In General * (ANY/ALL Types); Volunteers, Groups of Volunteers (This facility accomodates Groups of Volunteers); Volunteers, Individual Volunteers (This facility accomodates Individuals Volunteers)
Campaigns: America's Second Harvest; United Way
Updated May 7, 2009 · https://reliefdb.org/shelters/2116

Hosford Counseling and Psychological Services Clinic at UCSB's Gevirtz School

Walk–in Resource · Open

Crisis Counseling
Phelps, Santa Barbara, CA

Phone	(805) 893–8064
Web	education.ucsb.edu/Graduate–Studies/CCSP/clinics–and–centers/hosford.html
Serves	Santa Barbara County, CA
Eligibility	Residents impacted by the 5/09 Jesusita Wildfire
Service	Temporary

SOURCE: Santa Barbara Independent
Counseling for Fire–Related Trauma
UCSB Psychological Services Clinic Offering Free Therapy
Thursday, May 7, 2009
By Sam Rolens

The Hosford Counseling and Psychological Services Clinic at UCSB's Gevirtz School has announced that it will be offering free counseling for those affected by the Jesusita Fire. The clinic was established to provide low–cost, individual, couples, and family therapy. The training site for psychology students is now happy to open its doors to individuals or families suffering emotional trauma in the wake of the latest fire.

For information on these services, learn more about the Hosford Clinic online or call (805) 893–8064.

Counseling Services
Hosford Counseling and Psychological Services Clinic
The Hosford Counseling and Psychological Services Clinic is offering three free counseling sessions to individuals and families affected by the fires in Southern California through February 1, 2009. For more information about this offer call 805–893–8064. The Hosford Counseling and Psychological Services Clinic is a university–based community clinic that provides low–cost individual, couple, family, and group psychological treatment to the central coast community and serves as a training site for students in the Department of Counseling, Clinical, and School Psychology (CCSP) at the University of California, Santa Barbara. This offer is available on a first–come first–served basis and is subject to the availability of our clinicians. After the third session individuals will be provided with referral information for on–going treatment or may continue to be seen at the Hosford Clinic.

The Hosford Clinic website is:
http://education.ucsb.edu/Graduate–Studies/CCSP/clinics–and–centers/hosford.html

Services offered: Counseling (Free or Sliding Scale) * (ANY/ALL Types of Counseling); Counseling, Post Disaster Counseling; Demographic Served: Survivors, Natural Disaster Impacted Communities
Campaigns: 2008 California Wildfires; 2009 Central Pacific Coast Jesusita Wildfire
Updated May 17, 2009 · https://reliefdb.org/shelters/4348

Jesusita Fire Call Center (Special Needs Transport for Evacuation)

Info/Hotline · Standby

City
Santa Barbara, CA
Phone 805.681.5197.
Serves Santa Barbara County, CA
Eligibility Residents impacted by the 5/09 Jesusita Wildfire
Service Temporary

Jesusita Fire: Evacuation Assistance Available

Residents in the mandatory evacuation area who are physically unable to evacuate on their own should call the Jesusita Fire Call Center at 805.681.5197. Do not call 9–1–1, as the system is overloaded.

The call center staff will need the following information:

» Name of person needing assistance with evacuation

» Working phone number

» Address

» Closest intersection

» Whether the person can walk on his or her own

» Whether the person needs a wheelchair

» Whether the person is bed bound

» Whether the person uses oxygen or other medical equipment

» Whether the person can travel via automobile or will need an ambulance

The resident will be called so arrangements can be made for transportation.

Services offered: Demographic Served: Survivors, Natural Disaster Impacted Communities; Transportation * (ANY/ALL Types); Transportation, Emergency Evacuation, Transportation Services
Campaigns: 2009 Central Pacific Coast Jesusita Wildfire; Government, City/Town Agency
Updated May 29, 2009 · https://reliefdb.org/shelters/4347

Jesusita Wildfire – Information Kiosks

Walk–in Resource · Standby

City
See Notes, Santa Barbara, CA
Serves Santa Barbara County, CA
Eligibility Residents impacted by the 5/09 Jesusita Wildfire
Service Temporary

5/8/09 9 am update from KEYT3 News

Direct Relief International will be distributing particulate masks to the public today. They will distribute the masks from Noon until 3pm today at the following two locations :

Information Kiosk at Loreto Plaza on the corner of State St. and Las Positas
Information Kiosk at Lazy Acres Market 302 Meigs Rd. near Cliff Dr. on the mesa.

Information Kiosks

The city of Santa Barbara has set up public information kiosks in the following locations:

» Paseo Nuevo (State and De La Guerra streets)

» Loreto Plaza (State Street and Las Positas Road)

» Scolari's Food Co. (222 N. Milpas St.)

» Lazy Acres (302 Meigs Road)

Services offered: Demographic Served: Survivors, Natural Disaster Impacted Communities; Information Resource * (ANY/ALL Types); Information Resource, Resources Available to Disaster Survivors; Masks, Face Masks, N95 (w/Respirator/Cartidges)
Campaigns: 2009 Central Pacific Coast Jesusita Wildfire; Government, City/Town Agency
Updated May 17, 2009 · https://reliefdb.org/shelters/4345

KEYT3 – Jesusita Wildfire Updates/Evacuations/Road Closures/Shelter

Info/Hotline · Standby

Media
Santa Barbara, CA

Web www.keyt.com
Serves Santa Barbara County, CA
Eligibility Residents impacted by the 5/09 Jesusita Wildfire
Service Temporary

Jesusita Fire Fact Sheet as of May 15, 2009

Fire Status:
•8,733 acres burned
•95% contained
•All evacuation orders and warnings lifted as of May 13, 2009
•Residences threatened - 500; commercial properties threatened - 0
•80 homes destroyed; 15 homes damaged
•1 commercial property destroyed
•2 outbuildings damaged, 79 outbuildings destroyed
•1,857 personnel on scene: 111 engines, 57 crews
•1 air attack tanker and 4 helicopters
•30 firefighter injuries to date
•Cause under investigation: Tip line: (805) 686–5074
•Air quality warning remains in effect
•Estimated costs to date $17 million
•Expected containment 5/20/09

Local Assistance Center
The County of Santa Barbara will open a Local Assistance Center in the lobby area of the County Administration Building, 105 E. Anapamu St., Santa Barbara, beginning at 9:00 a.m., Monday, May 18, for people who lost their homes, had homes damaged or who were otherwise impacted by the fire. The Assistance Center will be open 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., Monday through Friday, until further notice.

Recovery Meeting
County Supervisors Salud Carbajal, First District, and Janet Wolf, Second District, will co–host a Recovery Meeting at 6:30 p.m., Monday, May 18, at the County Administration Building, 105 E. Anapamu St., in the Fourth Floor Board Hearing Room. The emphasis of the meeting is for residents who lost homes or who had homes damaged during the fire.

Trail & Park Closures:
•The San Marcos Foothills Preserve is closed to public until further notice.
•The Jesusita Trail, Tunnel Road Trail, and Rattlesnake Canyon Trail are closed to the public until further notice.
•San Antonio Creek Trail is open.

Road Closures:
•Road Closure Hotline - 805–568–3006
•www.countyofsb.org/pwd/roads/closure.htm

UCSB Multi Activity Center is now on standby status
The Red Cross has placed the Emergency Shelter at the Multi Activity Center (aka Rec Center) on the UCSB Campus on standby status. Anyone currently in need of assistance should go to the Red Cross Service Center at 2101 State Street or call the American Red Cross, Santa Barbara County Chapter at (805) 687–1331.

Red Cross Opens Service Center
An American Red Cross Service Center has been opened in the Fellowship Hall of the First Congregational Church at 2101 State St (enter from Padre Street) to serve those most affected by the Jesusita Fire. It will be open during the following hours:

Friday, May 15 9 a.m. - 8 p.m.
Saturday, May 16 12 p.m. - 8 p.m.
Sunday, May 17 12 p.m. - 8 p.m.
Monday, May 18 9 a.m. - 5 p.m.

Key Phone Numbers:
•The County Call Center is now closed.
•Red Cross (805) 687–1331
•Animal Services Hotline (805) 681–4332

The Internet:
•City of Santa Barbara website at www.SantaBarbaraCA.gov
•County of Santa Barbara website at www.CountyofSB.org.
•Montecito Fire Department at www.montecitofire.com/jesusitarecovery.htm

Television:
•CityTV Channel 18
•County of Santa Barbara TV Channel 20
•KEYT–TV Channel 3

Radio Stations:
•FM: KCSB–91.9; KSYV–96.7; KTYD–99.9; KSBL–101.7; KRAZ–105.9
•AM: KTMS–990; KZSB–1290; KUHL–1410; KINF–1440
•Spanish language FM stations KSPE–94.5 and KIST–107.7

Services offered: Demographic Served: Survivors, Natural Disaster Impacted Communities; Information Resource * (ANY/ALL Types); Information Resource, Resources Available to Disaster Survivors; Information Resource, Road Closures/Conditions; Information Resource, Situation Reports & Status Reports; Information Resource, Wildfire Incident Information & Updates; Media, Online News Reports
Campaigns: 2009 Central Pacific Coast Jesusita Wildfire
Updated Aug 28, 2009 · https://reliefdb.org/shelters/4339

Lost Pets – Jesusita Wildfire 5/09

Info/Hotline · Open

See Notes, Santa Barbara, CA

Serves Santa Barbara County, CA
Eligibility Impacted by the 5/09 Jesusita Wildfire
Service Temporary

Lost and Found

County Animal Services is here to help meet your needs.
Click here for flyer

Losing a pet can be very upsetting and stressful for you and your pet. Here are some tips on what you can do to get your pet home safely as soon as possible!

DON'T WAIT!

If your pet is wearing I.D. with your phone number, make sure your answering machine or cell phone is on and working in case someone found your pet and is trying to reach you. Modify your message to include a statement about the loss of your pet and an alternate way to contact you, such as a work number.

Search the neighborhood surrounding your home as your pet may not have traveled very far. Ask your neighbors (especially children who often notice stray animals when they're out playing) if they have seen an animal matching your pet's description. It is always helpful to have a picture of your animal with you as others may not be familiar with your animal's breed or may have described it differently than you.

Come into the closest Santa Barbara County Animal Shelter as soon as possible. Our Animal Service Officers pick up many lost pets every day and they may have already picked up yours.

Santa Barbara Shelter - 5473 Overpass Road
Hours: M–F: 9am to 4:45pm
Phone: (805) 681–5285

Lompoc Shelter - 1501 W. Central Avenue
Hours: M–F: 9am to 4:45pm
Closed for lunch 12:30 - 1:30pm
Phone: (805) 737–7755

Santa Maria Animal Center - 548 W. Foster Road
Hours: M–F: 9am to 4:45pm
Phone: (805) 934–6119

When you come to our facility you should look through our kennels and cages. If you did not find your pet, fill out a lost report. We also maintain a list of found and deceased animals. Check these listings as well.

Check the shelter every 2–3 days. Animals are held for 5 days before they are assessed for adoptability and made available for adoption. A telephone call is not enough as we may describe the pet differently than you do.
Make "Lost Pet" signs and post them around your neighborhood and on bulletin boards in local veterinary clinics, pet stores, grocery stores, etc. Include your pet's name, description and photograph. Make tabs at the bottom of your sign with your name and number in between dotted lines. Cut the dotted lines so that if someone has seen your pet, he or she can easily tear it off and take it with them. Click here to download a Lost Poster you are welcome to use.

Advertise in local newspapers. Some even offer free lost pet advertisements. Check the "Found Pet" column in your local newspaper daily.

Have specific questions to ask callers claiming to have your pet. Ask about specific physical traits that will specifically identify that it is your pet. Never put these peculiar features on your sign, as unfortunately there are unscrupulous people who may try to extort reward money.

Don't give up hope!! Some pets go missing for weeks, sometimes even months, before they are found by their owners or guardians. When you do find your pet, please remember to collect the signs you posted and inform the local shelter where you made the lost report.

Pets should wear their license and identification at all times. An identification tag or license is frequently your pet's ticket home. Once you have retrieved your pet, be sure to keep the tag on the animal at all times.

Services offered: Animals, Rescue, Animal Rescue Services; Demographic Served: Animals; Demographic Served: Survivors, Natural Disaster Impacted Communities
Campaigns: 2009 Central Pacific Coast Jesusita Wildfire
Updated May 17, 2009 · https://reliefdb.org/shelters/4378

LTRC, Santa Barbara, Tea Fire (VOAD)

Walk–in Resource · Open

LTRC Disaster Recovery
2707 State St, Santa Barbara, CA

Phone 805.687.1331
Hours 9:00 am – 5:00 pm M – F
Serves Santa Barbara County, CA
Eligibility Residents impacted by the 11/08 Tea Fire
Service Temporary

Local Red Cross to Begin Distribution of Tea Fire Response Funds
By Marjorie Wass | Posted on 01/13/2009

More than $400,000 has been donated to help residents affected by the November blaze.

The Santa Barbara Tea Fire Response Fund, a collaborative community partnership formed in the days after the Tea Fire that began Nov. 13, 2008, is ready to begin reviewing and disbursing donated funds, which total about $405,000.

Residents affected by the fire who seek assistance must apply at the American Red Cross–Santa Barbara County Chapter, 2707 State St. in Santa Barbara, from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday.

Applicants should bring proof that their house was burned down or damaged, or that they have been adversely affected by the fire. Examples include a driver's license with the destroyed home's address, or utility correspondence sent to the address. All applications are confidential.

The Red Cross has offered to provide the case management service. Residents who already have applied to Red Cross do not need to apply again. A case manager will meet with residents to discuss unmet needs. To set an appointment, call Pamela Voge at 805.687.1331.

Tea Fire Response Funds will be distributed based on a two–tiered system where a public–private partnership of agencies and officials will provide screening at the social worker/case manager level and an oversight committee of local leaders will provide direction and assurance that all monies are used appropriately. United Way of Santa Barbara County is acting as the fiscal agent, handling the monies for the fund. United Way is not charging for this service, and 100 percent of the donations will go for services to Tea Fire survivors.

The Tea Fire Response Fund is committed to the long–term recovery of the community.

Disbursements will be made throughout the year as needs of survivors continue to be identified.

Disbursements will be made on a quarterly basis until all funds are disbursed, no later than Dec. 31.

The first checks will be distributed in March and every three months thereafter. It's a tentative schedule and may be adjusted based on what the screening subcommittee and oversight committee determines are the most pressing short–term, midterm and long–range needs of the community.

Tea Fire Response Fund Oversight Committee

» Janet Stanley, CEO, American Red Cross–Santa Barbara County Chapter
» G. Paul Didier, President & CEO, United Way of Santa Barbara County
» Ron Gallo, President & CEO, Santa Barbara Foundation
» Marty Blum, Mayor, City of Santa Barbara
» Salud Carbajal, Supervisor 1st District, County of Santa Barbara
» Les Carroll, General Manager, KZSB AM 1290
» Michael Granados, CEO Smith Media, KEYT3 Santa Barbara

Tea Fire Fund Screening Subcommittee

» Brian Clark, Catholic Charities
» Louise Kolbert, Director of Emergency Services, American Red Cross–Santa Barbara County Chapter
» Tom Reed, Unity Shoppe
» Brett Williams, Direct Relief International
» Jay McAmis, County Office of Emergency Services
» Joe Woodruff, Lions Club
» Ed Lamb, First Southern Baptist Church
» Justin Haagen, ServiceMaster
» Geri Ventura. MERRAG/Montecito Fire Department
» Michael Williams, Wildland Residents Association
» Joel Goforth, United Way of Santa Barbara County
» Gracie Huerta, City OES/SBFD
» Jim Rivera, Santa Barbara Foundation

Marjorie Wass is a publicist.

FOR IMMEDIATE DISTRIBUTION
Contact: Pam Voge - Long Term Recovery Coordinator
687–1331 ext. 107

“Tea Fire Victims Need Specific Items”, says the
Long–Term Recovery Committee
Santa Barbara ‘Voluntary Organizations Active in Disaster’

(VOAD) Seeks Support for Tea Fire Victims from the
Business Community
Thursday, Februay 5th, 2009

The families and individuals impacted by the Tea Fire are currently experiencing different needs than immediately after the disaster. A change of clothes, a toothbrush and some shampoo was all some could think about as they tried to process what had happened to their lives.

Now the need is becoming more specific: a computer to help communicate with piano students; replacement tools so a general contractor with no insurance can get back to work; a catering company that lost everything; etc., etc.
The Long Term Recovery Committee of the VOAD has a limited amount of funds to meet the many needs. The desire is to help make the money stretch so everyone can be helped.

If you operate a business that could donate or discount useful items
of any kind to qualified victims of the Tea Fire, please contact Pam
Voge at the Red Cross ….687–1331 ext. 107.

Participating Agencies:

American Red Cross, Santa Barbara County Chapter
Santa Barbara Foundation
Second Harvest Food Bank
Catholic Charities
Unity Shoppe, Inc.
United Way
Direct Relief International
Montecito Fire District Merrag
County Office of Emergency Preparedness
Service Master
Santa Barbara City Fire Department
Salvation Army

Services offered: Case Management, LTRC, Long Term Recovery Committee; Case Management, * (Providers of ANY Type of Case Management); Case Management, Wildfire Survivors; Counseling, Support Group (Post Disaster); Demographic Served: Survivors, Natural Disaster Impacted Communities; Donations, Disaster Fund; Financial Assistance, Emergency Financial Assistance; Financial Assistance, ** Financial Assistance (ANY/ALL Types); Services, Disaster Recovery
Campaigns: 2008 California Wildfires; 2009 Central Pacific Coast Jesusita Wildfire; American Red Cross / Int'l Federation of RC / ICRC / IFRC; Catholic Charities; Government, City/Town Agency; Government, FEMA / Department of Homeland Security; Government, State/County; Lion's Club; Salvation Army; United Way; VOAD – Voluntary Organizations Active In Disaster (this Org is a State Level Member)
Updated May 8, 2009 · https://reliefdb.org/shelters/4344

Mountain Drive Community Association (Tea Fire Registry)

Info/Hotline · Open

Santa Barbara, CA
Web teafireregistry.com/index.htm

Serves Santa Barbara County, CA
Eligibility Impacted by the 11/08 Tea Fire
Service Temporary

Welcome! This website is intended to coordinate aid to the many families who are victims of the Tea Fire. We are here to connect people in need with people who want to help. The Mountain Drive Community Association is committed to helping the fire survivors rebuild their homes and their community.

MOUNTAIN DRIVE COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION UPDATE
Greetings to you all,

March 25, 2009

Private Road Update: Great news! The working groups from the four "private roads" in the Mountain Drive community have reached an equitable agreement with the Fire Department regarding road upgrades. This is a very positive turn of events and we salute the road committee chairs and Montecito Fire as well. This process was an excellent example of community members working together to overcome obstacles to rebuilding after the fire.

Group Slab Recycling Is on hold! It now appears that the vast majority of homes can leave their slabs in place and either build around them or, in some cases, even reuse undamaged portions of their foundation. Many thanks to Coast Valley Testing, Mike Gones, Civil Engineer and Jeff Shelton for all of their work in determining the best approach to dealing with the old foundations!

Group Purchase of Building Materials
The MDCA is looking into helping to reduce the cost of reconstruction by putting together group purchases on building materials. If you are interested please contact us at mdcaarchitecture@gmail.com

Architecture Committee and Rebuild Committee
This committee is your staring point. Jeff Shelton has been working with local engineers and other architects. We are working on getting group rates for testing of foundations and septic systems. Please check with the Architectural Committee before moving forward. There is the potential for significant obstacles to rebuilding and they can offer assistance. We have a better chance of rebuilding the community if we do it as a community. The Committee is looking for photos of all Mountain Drive houses – pre–burn! – To establish a context for our newly completed architectural guidelines. Contact mdcaarchitecture @gmail.com.

Fundraising
As we move forward with our Tea Fire Assistance efforts we desperately need to raise funds to help provide survivors with the support they need to rebuild their lives. Please consider making a donation to the MDCA to help us facilitate the rebuilding process in the coming months.

Other Community Info
If anyone has any photographs from Mountain Drive community events, please contact our historical committee at mdcahistorical@gmail.com. They are trying to reconstruct a photographic history.

And don’t forget to keep checking the website: www.teafireregistry.org for community updates, resources, free and discount stuff and other good information!

We hope this information is helpful. Please be in communication, we want to hear from you, we want to be of assistance and we are committed to seeing our community rebuilt.

Best wishes in the New Year,

The MDCA Board

Want to help?
There are many things that the community can to to assist those in need. Many of the victims of the Tea Fire are now homeless. Many have lost all of their worldly belongings. You can help. If you can donate money, services, or goods, please click here for more information. We will constantly update resources, so chack back often

Director of Relief Services: Abe Powell teafirerelief @gmail.com

Emergency Housing: Debbye Beksa mdcahousing @gmail.com

Legal/Insurance Assistance: Steve McGlothen mdcalegal @gmail.com

Volunteer Coordinator: Sally Camara mdcavolunteer @gmail.com

Demolition and Cleanup Assistance: Tom Lackner mdcademo @gmail.com

Architecture and Rebuilding Committee: Adele Goggia mdcaarchitecture @gmail.com

Services offered: Advocacy, * (ANY/ALL Types); Assistance * (ANY Type of: Referrals or "How to" Assistance); Assistance, How To, Navigating Disaster Survivor Insurance Process ; Demographic Served: Survivors, Natural Disaster Impacted Communities; Housing * (ANY/ALL Types); Information Resource * (ANY/ALL Types); Information Resource, Navigating the Disaster Recovery Process; Registry, Wish List Registry, Online Registry; Services: Legal Assistance for Disaster Survivors; Volunteer Opportunities, In General * (ANY/ALL Types)
Campaigns: 2008 California Wildfires; 2009 Central Pacific Coast Jesusita Wildfire; CARe, Inc. (Community Assisted Recovery)
Updated May 7, 2009 · https://reliefdb.org/shelters/4342

Red Cross, Santa Barbara Chapter

Info/Hotline · Open

Red Cross Chapter

Chapter Headquarters; 2707 State Street, Santa Barbara, CA 93105

Phone (805) 687–1331
Web www.sbredcross.org
Serves Santa Barbara County, CA
Eligibility Residents impacted by Catastophe/Natural Disasters – Jesusita Wildfire 5/09
Bring Proof of residency (drivers license or utility bill showing an address in the affected area).
Service Temporary

Client Assistance For Jesusita Fire Victims
An American Red Cross Service Center is open at the Red Cross Chapter Office at 2707 State Street (map). The Service Center has trained Red Cross volunteers providing casework for the residents whose houses were destroyed or significantly damaged by the Jesusita Fire. Please bring proof of residency (drivers license or utility bill showing an address in the affected area). In addition, mental health & health services volunteers will be offering help to those who need it. For further information please call (805) 687–1331.

Jesusita Fire: Red Cross Reopens State Street Headquarters
The emergency shelter remains open at Dos Pueblos, and disaster training begins Friday

By Marjorie Wass | Published on 05.08.2009

The American Red Cross, Santa Barbara County Chapter has returned to its headquarters at 2707 State St. after evacuating the building because of the Jesusita Fire evacuation warnings.

The Red Cross will hold disaster classes at Goleta Presbyterian Church, 6067 Shirrell Way in Goleta. The classes will be from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Friday and Saturday. Residents interested in helping with the Red Cross Jesusita Fire relief effort and future disasters can register for the classes from 9:15 to 10 a.m. at the church or the Goleta Valley Community Center.

All new volunteers must take a Red Cross orientation and classes in emergency shelter operations and mass care. Call 805.729.6885 for more information.

A disaster mental health class will be held for licensed psychiatrists, psychologists and MFTs only; those interested must bring credentials on Friday to Goleta Presbyterian Church. The class will be from 8:30 a.m. to noon.

The Red Cross emergency shelter is open at Dos Pueblos High School, 7266 Alameda Ave. in Goleta. Small animals can be taken to the Santa Barbara Humane Society, 5399 Overpass Road in Goleta. Large animals can be evacuated to the Earl Warren Showgrounds, 3400 Calle Real.

5/6/09 – From the website:

Red Cross Chapter Headquarters evacuated
We have been evacuated from our office at 2707 State Street and have relocated to the Goleta Valley Community Center, 5679 Hollister Ave., Goleta.

Red Cross Emergency Shelter
Dos Pueblos High School
7266 Alameda Avenue
Goleta (map)

The Red Cross emergency shelter is at Dos Pueblos High School, located at 7266 Alameda Avenue in Goleta (map). Small animals can be taken to the Humane Society at 5399 Overpass Road in Goleta. Large animals can be evacuated to Earl Warren Showgrounds at 3400 Calle Real.

Volunteers
A volunteer training session is scheduled tomorrow from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Registration begins at 9 a.m. It will be held at the First Presbyterian Church in the Sunken Garden Room at 21 East Constance Avenue in Santa Barbara. It is free.

All spontaneous volunteers must take a Red Cross orientation and classes in Emergency Shelter Operations and Mass Care, which will be held several times over the next few days. For more information, please call 805–687–1331.

Mandatory Evacuation Orders
ALL LOCATIONS EAST OF ALAMAR ROAD (WESTERN BOUNDARY), FROM FOOTHILL ROAD SOUTH TO STATE STREET, STATE STREET TO CONSTANCE, EAST ON CONSTANCE TO LOS OLIVOS, LOS OLIVIOS TO ALAMEDA PADRE SERRA, ALAMEDA PADRE SERRA TO SYCAMORE CANYON ROAD (EASTERN BOUNDARY), NORTH ON SYCAMORE CANYON TO HWY 192 WESTBOUND TO EL CIELITO.

Evacuation Warning Advisory
THE EVACUATION WARNING AREA HAS EXPANDED AND NOW INCLUDES: LA CUMBRE ROAD (WESTERN BOUNDARY) TO STATE STREET, STATE STREET TO DE LA VINA, DE LA VINA TO ANAPAMU, ANAPAMU TO ANACAPA, ANACAPA SOUTH TO DE LA GUERRA, DE LA GUERRA TO MILPAS, MILPAS TO MONTECITO STREET, MONTECITO STREET TO ALAMEDA PADRE SERRA.

Road Closures
Highway 192 is closed at La Cumbre to El Cielito. All locations north of Foothill, from Morada and Ontare to El Cielito, bordered by Gibraltar and Camino Cielo, are under mandatory evacuation. Road Closure Hotline: 805–568–3006.

County Jesusita Fire Call Center: 805–681–5197
Animal Hotline: 805–681–4332

Services offered: Counseling (Free or Sliding Scale) * (ANY/ALL Types of Counseling); Counseling, Post Disaster Counseling; Demographic Served: Survivors, Natural Disaster Impacted Communities; First Responder, West Coast Region; Shelter, Evacuation Shelter, Updates/Status; Training * (ANY/ALL Types of Instruction) ; Training Classes, Volunteer Orientation & Training; Volunteers, Individual Volunteers (This facility accomodates Individuals Volunteers)
Campaigns: 2008 California Wildfires; 2009 Central Pacific Coast Jesusita Wildfire; American Red Cross / Int'l Federation of RC / ICRC / IFRC; LTRC, Long Term Recovery Committee
Updated May 24, 2009 · https://reliefdb.org/shelters/4337

San Marcos High School

Shelter · Standby

Red Cross Emergency Evacuation Shelter, School
4750 Hollister Avenue, Santa Barbara, CA 93110

Phone School: 805.967.4581 Red Cross: 1–866–GET–INFO
Serves Goleta, Santa Barbara County, CA
Eligibility Wildfire Evacuee's Impacted by the 7/1/08 Gap Fire
Service Temporary

At 10:00pm July 1, 2008 –– a mandatory evacuation order was issued for the Glen Annie and La Patera Canyons north of Goleta. Also, an evacuation warning has been issued for residents who live north of Cathedral Oaks between Glen Annie Road and Fairview Avenue. An evacuation warning means that residents should be prepared to evacuate.

At 11:59pm July 1 –– the Santa Barbara County Emergency Operations Center announced the opening of a Red Cross Shelter at San Marcos High School for both residents and animals.

Services offered: Demographic Served: Survivors, Natural Disaster Impacted Communities; School, High School; Shelter, Animals, Small Pet/Animal Emergency/Evacuation Shelter; Shelter * (ANY/ALL Types)
Campaigns: 2008 California Wildfires; American Red Cross / Int'l Federation of RC / ICRC / IFRC
Updated May 7, 2009 · https://reliefdb.org/shelters/3291

Santa Barbara County

Info/Hotline · Open

County, Disaster Response
Santa Barbara, CA

Web www.countyofsb.org/ceo/dept0.aspx
Serves Santa Barbara County, CA
Service Temporary

Get the latest press releases at the Santa Barbara County website for the Jesusita Wildfire.

The Jesusita Fire Call Center number is 805–681–5197.

Water Conservation

Maintaining the elevation of the water levels in the reservoirs is essential for the fire department, in order to fight the fire. Please conserve water as much as possible within or without the evacuation zones. If you evacuate, please turn off your water service to avoid potential loss of water pressure in the affected area.

Evacuation Resources

Red Cross Shelter has been moved from First Presbyterian Church at 21 East Constance Ave. to Dos Pueblos High School 7266 Alameda Ave. in Goleta.

Owners of Small Animals
Call the Animal Services hotline - 681–4332 to be directed to a shelter location. No longer take animals to the Santa Barbara Humane Society.

Owners of large animals
(i.e. horses) may continue to take them to the Earl Warren Showgrounds.

School Information
Schools closures May 7th, 2009:

California Learning Center
San Roque
Marymount School
Santa Barbara Middle School
Sunrise Montessori

Little Angels Pre–school
Parma Children's Center
Notre Dame
Monte Vista Elementary
Monte Vista Home School SB
Hope School Elementary
Peabody Charter
Cesar Chavez Charter
Roosevelt Elementary
Cleveland Elementary
Franklin Elementary
California Learning Center
Kumon of Santa Barbara
First Presbyterian Child Care Center
Early Years at SBHS

How You Can Help
The cause of Jesusita Fire is currently under investigation. If you have information about the fire, please call the anonymous tip hotline 805–686–5074.

Media Resources

Residents are advised to stay alert for additional information by listening to County Government cable TV station Channel 20, or the following AM or FM radio "Stations of Choice" for Emergency Public Information or other local television stations.

Knight Broadcasting:
KUHL–1410;
KINF–1440 (Both AM)
KRAZ–105.9 and KSYV–96.7 (Both FM)

Rincon Broadcasting: KTMS–990 AM
KTYD–99.9
KSBL–101.7 (All FM)
Plus Rincon's Spanish language FM stations KSPE–94.5 and KIST–107.7

UCSB: KCSB–91.9 FM

News–Press Radio: KZSB 1290 AM

Services offered: Demographic Served: Survivors, Natural Disaster Impacted Communities; Information Resource * (ANY/ALL Types); Information Resource, County Resources, Contacts & Services (County Level); Information Resource, Resources Available to Disaster Survivors; Information Resource, Road Closures/Conditions; Information Resource, Wildfire Incident Information & Updates
Campaigns: 2009 Central Pacific Coast Jesusita Wildfire
Updated May 7, 2009 · https://reliefdb.org/shelters/4343

Santa Barbara Humane Society

Animal Shelter · Standby

Animal Services / Disaster Animal Rescue
5399 Overpass Road, Santa Barbara, CA 93111

Phone	805–681–4332
Web	sbhumanesociety.org
Hours	Monday – Saturday 10:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.
Serves	Santa Barbara County, CA
Eligibility	Animal Evacuees: Jesusita Wildfire 5/09
Service	Temporary

Volunteers Coming to Aid Animal Shelters

At the request of the Santa Barbara Humane Society, the Sacramento–based United Animal Nation (UAN) has begun to deploy Emergency Animal Rescue Service (EARS) volunteers from all over California to Santa Barbara today to assist with the emergency sheltering operation for the hundreds of pets displaced by the Jesusita Fire. "We hope to provide some relief to the amazing Santa Barbara Humane Society staff and volunteers, who have been working non–stop to care for the animals since this crisis began." said Janell Matthies, UAN Emergency Service Manager and leader of the EARS team in Santa Barbara, in a written statement.

UAN will send 10 specially trained EARS volunteers per day to Santa Barbara to help care for the evacuated animals at the temporary emergency animal shelter for the duration of the Jesusita Fire crisis.

Since 1987, UAN has provided aid to communities overwhelmed by a large number of displaced animals during crises. The organization has provided relief in more than 90 natural disasters and crises, including fires in Butte County, California in 2008; flooding in Cedar Rapids, Iowa in 2008; and Hurricanes Katrina and Rita in 2005.

Those needing assistance with their animals should still call the Santa Barbara Humane Society at (805) 681–4332.

05/07/09 –– At approximately noon today, a PetSmart Charities® Emergency Relief Waggin'® trailer, stocked with at least 16 tons of much–needed pet food and supplies, was deployed from the PetSmart® Distribution Center in Phoenix, Ariz. to the Santa Barbara Humane Society, 5399 Overpass Road in Santa Barbara, Calif. to assist pets who have been displaced or injured by the Jesusita Fire in Santa Barbara County. "We received a request May 6th for assistance from officials with Santa Barbara County Animal Services and began readying a vehicle for deployment to the scene," said Susana Della Maddalena, executive director of PetSmart Charities. Initial reports from Susan Klein–Rothschild, acting animal services operations chief in the emergency operations center, indicate that mandatory evacuations of people and animals have resulted in the shelter receiving more than 150 dogs, 140 cats and at least 50 horses, goats and llamas for emergency shelter and care, with many more expected.

Each PetSmart Charities Emergency Relief Waggin' vehicle is stocked with emergency pet supplies and field and support equipment valued at $60,000. Supplies include pet food, crates, beds, bowls, litter and litter pans, and other necessary animal–care items, as well as a generator, fans, tents, a battery charger, lights and other supplies to assist the agency who is caring for displaced companion animals.

"The sole purpose of our Emergency Relief Waggin' program is to ensure that necessary assistance is readily available for animals in need as a result of natural or man–made disasters," Della Maddalena added. "We want to do our part so these helpless pets receive the care and comfort they need and deserve."

SBC–JIC Jesusita Fire 020
DATE: May 7, 2009
TIME: 1210 (12:10 PM)

Donations of Animal Crates Requested
A large number of crates are needed to assist with sheltering the animals evacuated due to the fire. Please consider donating medium to large–sized animal crates by bringing them to the Santa Barbara Humane Society at 5399 Overpass Road.

6:30 pm 5/6/09
JESUSITA FIRE: ANIMAL EVACUATIONS
HUMANE SOCIETY SAYS IT'S FULL. SMALL ANIMALS (PRIMARILY CATS) CAN BE TAKEN TO THE COUNTY ANIMAL SHELTER AT 5473 OVERPASS

JESUSITA FIRE: ANIMAL SERVICES UPDATE AND DONATION NEEDS
Animal Services and Partners Offer Safe Care for Pets During Jesusita Fire

Santa Barbara County Animal Services and our community partners –– including the Santa Barbara Humane Society, ASAP, and Equine Evac –– have provided emergency care for more than 300 animals displaced by the Jesusita Fire as of May 6, 2009. It has been a collaborative effort to provide safe care for pets during this traumatic time. Many pet owners have expressed appreciation knowing their animals are safe and secure.

Individuals in our community who would like to support their effort may make donations to the Santa Barbara Humane Society. The following items are particularly needed:

* Pedigree small crunchy bites dry dog food
* Pedigree chunky beef and chicken canned dog food
* Johnny Cat Original cal litter (unscented and non–clumping)
* Whiska's dry cat food
* Friskies mixed grill canned cat food

The Santa Barbara Humane Society is located at 5399 Overpass Road, and is open from 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Monday through Saturday. For further information call 805–964–4777.

Story Created: May 7, 2009 at 3:54 AM PDT

Services offered: Animals, Adoption, Animals for Adoption; Animals, Animal Care, Boarding, Pet Boarding; Animals, Medical, Spay / Neuter Program; Animals, Medication, Vaccination * (ANY/ALL Types); Animals, Program, Pet Therapy Program; Demographic Served: Animals; Demographic Served: Survivors, Natural Disaster Impacted Communities; Shelter, Animals, Animal Shelter; Shelter, Animals, Small Pet/Animal Emergency/Evacuation Shelter; Shelter * (ANY/ALL Types); Training Classes, Volunteer Orientation & Training; Volunteer Opportunities, In General * (ANY/ALL Types); Volunteers, Individual Volunteers (This facility accomodates Individuals Volunteers)
Campaigns: 2008 California Wildfires; 2009 Central Pacific Coast Jesusita Wildfire; Humane Society of the United States, The
Updated May 17, 2009 · https://reliefdb.org/shelters/4340

Tea & Jesusita Wildfire – Frequently Asked Questions (Recovery/Rebuilding)

Info/Hotline · Open

City, Disaster Response
630 Garden St., Santa Barbara, CA

Phone (805) 564-5578
Web www.santabarbaraca.gov/NR/rdonlyres/1E264DD1-1D70-4A3C-AC5A-562660096D67/0/20090512_Jesusita_and_Tea_Fire_FAQs.pdf
Serves Santa Barbara County, CA
Eligibility Impacted by the Tea/Jesusita Wildfires
Service Temporary

Updated 5/12/2009
City of Santa Barbara
JESUSITA & TEA FIRE
FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

City of Santa Barbara Planning Counter / 630 Garden St. / (805) 564-5578

Debris Removal & Erosion Control

Is it necessary to obtain a permit to clear my property of debris from the fire? Yes. An "over-the-counter" Demolition/Debris Removal permit issued by the Building and Safety Division is required. You will need to come in to 630 Garden St and provide a simple plot plan of your property showing the location of all affected structures, the extent of damage, and select one of the City's pre-approved waste haulers. See the "Debris Removal" handout on our website at www.SantaBarbaraCa.gov/BuildingForms. Before clearing debris, it is recommended that your insurance agent visit the site, inspect the damage, and take photos.

Will the City perform area-wide erosion control or am I responsible for erosion control on my property?

Private property owners are responsible for maintaining their property in a safe manner that does not cause harm to other properties. This includes erosion control. Each property owner should install proper and sufficient erosion control measures to ensure this. Please see our erosion control handout on our website at, www.SantaBarbaraCa.gov/BuildingForms for more information.
Rebuilding

My home was destroyed in the Jesusita or Tea Fire and I want to re-build. Where do I start?

If you haven't already, contact your insurance agent as soon as possible. Make sure your insurance adjuster has been to the site before you do any clearing. Contact the State of California Department of Insurance at 1-800-927-4357 or check their website at www.insurance.ca.gov for additional tips on dealing with your insurance agent.

Who do I contact to find out what I can or can't rebuild? Does the City have a copy of the original plans for my structure?

Yes. The City will most likely have original house plans. Planning Staff have been assigned to help guide you through the permit process in rebuilding your home. Your planner will have information on your parcel history, your permit history, and archived plans (if available) for your property. The City Planning Division is offering homeowners the ability to meet with a case planner by appointment.

Making Changes

Do I have to rebuild my home exactly how it was before or can I make changes to my former house design?

The City encourages homeowners to consider making improvements on the original design of the home, particularly in regard to fire prevention, energy efficiency and sustainability issues. Reconstruction of damaged nonconforming structures are allowed to be restored or rebuilt under certain conditions outlined in SBMC 28.87.038. You may be eligible should you want to rebuild your home in generally the same location with a similar size and footprint as before. It may be a longer process should you choose to substantially alter the design, but the City is currently looking at ways to expedite this process as well. Contact assigned case planners for additional information on these matters.

Can I rebuild what I had and obtain a quick building permit issuance?

In most cases, homes destroyed will require compliance with new building construction codes and water quality requirements, which will necessitate plan changes. The City has adopted a Neighborhood Preservation Ordinance (NPO) and Storm Water Management Program (SWMP) that may require compliance with specific design guidelines for properties located in the Hillside Design District. Planning recommends homeowners first meet with a case planner for an initial evaluation to determine if your project is exempt or what level of architectural design review is required for your rebuild project. In some cases, where minor changes are proposed, staff administrative approvals can be obtained and the building permit can be issued more quickly. However, based on the extent of design changes, a higher level of architectural design review may be warranted. The City is setting up an expedited review process involving the use of the Single Family Design Board (SFDB) Consent Calendar. Once you have met with an assigned case planner and you understand the City's review process, you should have better idea on how best to proceed with your rebuilding plans.

I'm concerned about how long this is all going to take. Can the City do anything to speed up the process?

The City is aware of homeowner's concerns regarding possible delays involving rebuilding. There is a concerted effort being made by Staff and the SFDB members to review applications as quickly as possible to allow for a quicker review process. The SFDB Consent Calendar hours are also being extended to provide special review slots for Jesusita & Tea Fire Rebuild Projects. In addition, an early consultation concept review process will allow homeowners to take advantage of free design expertise from

local design professionals who have volunteered to assist. Once submitted for a building permit, all Jesusita or Tea Fire affected plans will be given priority in an effort to expedite the permit review process.
Accessory Structures

I had several accessory structures that were destroyed on my property in addition to the house? Will I be able to replace these?

Consult with your assigned case planner with regard to replacement of accessory structures. These will be reviewed on a case–by–case basis. Structures that meet current zoning regulations will generally be allowed to be rebuilt.

Architectural Plans

My house was very old and I don't know if architectural plans exist for it. I'm not even sure exactly how large it was in terms of area. How do I obtain this information?

If architectural plans exist, the City Building and Safety Division Records and Archives staff can provide you information relative to building permit records and archived architectural plans. The plans are located in the Community Development Department building at 630 Garden Street. The Recorder and Assessor's Office has information on your tax history which your assigned case planner can use to help determine what was on your property prior to the fire. Property owners may visit the Recorder and Assessor's Office and access the "Residential Building Record". If you would like an agent to access the record for you instead, you will need to sign a form allowing the release of this information. Contact the Tax Assessor's office for a copy of this form.

I have a set of plans from a few years ago when we remodeled our house. Will I able to use these or have building codes changed since then?

Previously drawn plans may be useful to determine your options, but only plans that were approved under the 2001 or 2007 California Building Codes may be submitted "as is" with only minor changes. Homes approved under codes previous to these must be rebuilt to comply with the currently adopted, 2007 California Building Code. All plans will need to meet the current requirements for High Fire Area Construction (CBC Chapter 7A) and the Undergrounding of Utilities Ordinance (SBMC 22.38).

Architects and Designers

Can I have my architect or designer act on my behalf during this process?

Yes. For most tasks, an architect or designer can act on your behalf if you file an Agent Authorization Form. Ask your planner for an Agent Authorization Form. Just fill this form out, sign it, and return it to your case planner, and your case planner will honor the request. However, to request copies of your archived architectural plans, authorization of the owner is required in person or via certified mail. Agent Authorization Forms are not accepted.

I don't really know any architects, designers or contractors. Can you recommend anyone?

As a public agency, we are restricted from making these types of recommendations. Two excellent sources for help on finding the right kind of help are your local chapters of the American Institute of Architects (AIA) and the Santa Barbara Contractors Association (SBCA). You can contact the AIA by visiting their office at 229 East Victoria Street, by calling (805) 966–4198, or by navigating to their website at www.aiasb.com. You can contact the SBCA by mail at P.O. Box 23409, by calling (805) 884–1100, or by navigating to their website at www.sbcontractors.org.

Temporary Trailer

Can I live on my property while I rebuild? Do I need a permit for that?

Yes to both questions. Council introduced an Ordinance on Dec 9, 2008 that allows fire victims to temporarily live on the property with a recreational vehicle or a mobile home as long is it is self–contained (contains facilities for living, cooking, sleeping, and sanitation). A debris/demolition clearing permit must first be issued. You may obtain a temporary trailer permit for this and for a temporary power pole at the Building and Safety Division's "building counter" (see address below). Once you are ready, you can call the Building and Safety Division and a building inspector will come out and verify that you are safely situated and verify that your power can be safely hooked up.

Do I have to be hooked up to my septic system or the public sanitary sewer?
Are holding tanks allowed?

Any of these systems of sewage disposal is acceptable. To hook up to an existing septic system, the lines and tank must be emptied and a damage inspection report prepared. A copy of this inspection report and any recommendations must be submitted to the Building and Safety Counter at time of application for the temporary trailer permit. If your trailer has an internal holding tank, you must have a signed contract with a sewage removal service (minimum six month contract). You will need to present a copy of the signed contract at the Building and Safety Counter to have your temporary trailer permit issued. All sewer laterals for properties with destroyed homes are being cut and capped near the property line by City workers. Visit the Public Works Counter regarding reconnecting to the sewer main in compliance with the City's Sewer Lateral Inspection Program (SLIP). The SLIP requires sewer laterals be inspected prior to reconnection to the main. If a lateral is found to be in need of repair, then per the SLIP and Santa Barbara Municipal Code 14.48, lateral repair must be completed prior to reconnection to the main sewer. There won't be an additional tap fee if the existing wye is re–used.
How long may I live on the property in my temporary trailer? Temporary trailer permits may be issued for a two– year period. A debris/demolition clearing permit must first be issued. An application for a reconstruction of the residences must be submitted

within six months from the date of temporary trailer permit. Extensions may be granted on a case–by–case basis by the Building and Safety Division if deemed necessary.

Taxes

What do I do if I have lost my tax records?

If you have lost your tax records, you should contact the Internal Revenue Service (IRS) for replacements. You can call the local Santa Barbara IRS office at (805) 564–7518 or visit their website at www.irs.gov. The local Santa Barbara IRS office is located at 1332 Anacapa Street, Suite 101. To reach the State of California Franchise Tax Board, you may call 1–800–852–5711 or visit the Franchise Tax Board website at www.ftb.ca.gov.

Do my property taxes automatically get reassessed to adjust them for my loss of improvements? Will they be reassessed at market value once I've completed the re–build?

Most Tea Fire victims will receive an improvement only refund warrant for the period of 11/1/08 – 6/30/09. The 2008–09 tax statement will not change. Many have opted for a December 10, 2008 tax deadline extension. The refunds most receive will primarily be for improvement damage. The refund will be sent whether or not they've paid their taxes yet. The property owner will be given a 30 day extension from the date the refund is received to pay their 12/10/08 installment. The refunds should start to go out in late January, with most being mailed in February 2009.

The Assessor will review both the improvement and land values of the ten parcels that cannot rebuild. Both the 2008–09 and future assessments for these parcels will be reduced, and the percentage of adjustment will likely be larger as they cannot rebuild. The 2008–09 tax bills for the ten parcels that cannot rebuild will likely be adjusted downward, and the owners will be given 30 days to pay the corrected installment amounts without late penalty.
You must complete an application form and turn it in at the tax assessor's office to have your property reassessed at a lower value during your re–build (see address below). You can also apply at that time to have your upcoming property tax payment deferred to a later date.

Other Documents

I lost my birth certificate in the fire. How do I get it replaced?

You may visit the County Clerk, Recorder, and Assessor's office for help if you have lost vital and official documents such as certificates of birth, death, fetal death, or marriage, as well as deeds required to obtain assistance from federal, state and local governmental agencies, make claims for and collect insurance, or find new employment. The address is listed below.

A vehicle of mine was destroyed in the fire and I also lost my driver's license. What should I do? If your car has been destroyed, contact your insurance company. If you lost your driver license or identification card, contact the State of California Department of Motor Vehicles at a DMV field office, on–line at www.dmv.ca.gov, or call 1–800–777–0133.

From the Santa Barbara County website:

Please note that the Jesusita Fire Call Center is now closed.

County Supervisors Salud Carbajal, First District, and Janet Wolf, Second District, will be hosting a Jesusita Fire Recovery Meeting at 6:30 PM, Monday, May 18, 2009 at the County Administration Building, Board Hearing Room, Fourth Floor, 105 E. Anapamu St., Santa Barbara, 93101.

Jesusita Fire

Michael Harris, Emergency Operations Chief, heads up the County's recovery team to help residents in the recovery and rebuilding process. The County's plans include assigning project case managers for area residents whose homes were lost or damaged in the Jesusita Fire. The County is also working to establish and open a recovery center similar to the one operated after the Tea Fire to provide information and assistance related to the rebuilding and recovery process.

County To Open Local Assistance Center (LAC)

The County of Santa Barbara will be establishing a Local Assistance Center (LAC) beginning 9:00 AM, Monday, May 18, 2009. The LAC is being established by the County and City of Santa Barbara to provide assistance and recovery services for residents who have lost homes or otherwise impacted by the Jesusita Fire. Federal, State and local agencies will be providing assistance.

Jesusita Burn Area Rebuild Information:

Property Tags
County Building and Safety officials have inspected properties that sustained fire damage and tagged them with one of three tags which indicate structural safety: a red tag indicates a structure is unsafe to occupy; a yellow tag indicates that limited entry is possible and residents should enter at their own risk; a green tag indicates that the property was inspected and deemed safe to occupy. Areas unaffected by the fire will not be tagged. If your property has a red tag, the structure is unsafe to occupy.

Contact the County Planning and Development Department:

123 East Anapamu Street, Santa Barbara 93101–2058
805–568–2090 or 805–568–3030
www.sbcountyplanning.org

Hours: 8:30a.m.–12:00p.m and 1:00p.m.–4:30p.m. M, Tues, W, F
10:00a.m.–12:00p.m. and 1:00p.m.–4:30p.m. Thursday

Case managers have been assigned to properties damaged and/or destroyed. Residents may contact the Planning Supervisor, Petra Leyva, at 805–568–2071 to determine their case manager. Residents should be prepared to provide property address, description of damage, and any other information the property owner may have. If the property is serviced by a septic tank, the case manager will need to know where the septic tank is located. Please also include any past service records of septic tank service. The property owner will then apply for a demolition permit. All fees will be deferred until a building permit is ready to be picked up. All permits will be a priority of the Planning and Development Department.

Rebuilding Costs
First look to insurance and charities for help with rebuilding costs. When you have covered the costs, it is important to make sure that your new structure is built well, in a efficient manner and for a reasonable price. Here are some recommendations and helpful resources:

Use only licensed contractors. Verify the contractor you've selected has a valid license at the Contractors State License Board website or by phone 800.321.2752 – http://www.cslb.ca.gov/

Learn more about a rebuilding Companies reputation by checking with your local Better Business Bureau: http://www.santabarbara.bbb.org/Home.aspx

Before you begin work, be aware of the effects construction and equipment operation have on air quality. Visit the Santa Barbara County Air Pollution Control District website for more information: http://www.sbcapcd.org/Default.htm

Typical Permits and Fees for Recovery Construction:
http://sbcountyplanning.org/PDF/projects/TeaFireRebuilding/TypicalPermitFees.pdf

Services offered: Demographic Served: Survivors, Natural Disaster Impacted Communities; Information Resource * (ANY/ALL Types); Information Resource, Navigating the Disaster Recovery Process; Information Resource, Resources Available to Disaster Survivors
Campaigns: 2009 Central Pacific Coast Jesusita Wildfire
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Phone 805–964–4767
Web directrelief.org
Serves Nationally / Served Tea Fire Santa Barbara Residents / Jesusita Wildfire 5/09
Service Permanent

Hurricane Helene response:

Direct Relief: Direct Relief brings long–term medical aid specifically needed by local officials and agencies. The organization has just made more than $74 million in medicines and medical supplies available for healthcare providers in the path of Hurricane Helene, according to an email. You can donate to their general fund or choose Hurricane Helene Response in the dropdown at their donation page.

source: https://eu.statesman.com/story/weather/hurricane/2024/09/27/hurricane–helene–how–help–victims–relief–organizations–charities/75412916007/

5/23/2013: From DRI Blog
Relief's Emergency Management Team landed in Oklahoma last night to assess the needs of healthcare partners responding to the deadly tornadoes. The team is reporting that severe thunderstorms soaking the town of Moore are inhibiting the response to the needs of people affected by the tornadoes.

Direct Relief has sent seven emergency medical deliveries valued at over $211,000 (wholesale) to three health center sites serving people affected. Direct Relief is in contact with more than 300 clinic and health centers in storm–affected areas and more priority shipments are planned over the next several days.

Lighthouse Medical Ministries, located just five miles outside of Moore, Oklahoma, have opened their clinic to assist with the response. In the absence of typical transportation options, vans are being sent out to collect people with medical needs and bringing them to the clinic. To reduce the risk of tetanus in the aftermath of the disaster, Lighthouse Medical Ministries requested Tdap (Tetanus, Diphtheria, Pertussis) Vaccine. Donated by GlaxoSmithKline, 210 doses of Tdap vaccine were shipped immediately and delivered yesterday.

SEMO Health Network also requested and received Tdap vaccine. Direct Relief is sending today an additional shipment of personal care items, anti–inflammatory drugs, diabetes supplies, wound care, gloves, and eye care products. These items will

support the deployment of a mobile medical unit to Oklahoma on Friday. The mobile medical unit was donated by Direct Relief after the tornadoes that devastated Joplin, Missouri in 2011.

Community Health Center, Inc in Spencer, Oklahoma was not damaged in the tornadoes and is providing care to people who are displaced or injured. Direct Relief has delivered Similac, Family Dental Kits, pelican cases, blankets and infant hats, and prescription medications and supplies to Community Health Center to help with their response.

Additional medical aid to five clinics are planned this week, including medications, medical supplies, personal care items, and 170 vials of Lantus insulin shipped directly from Sanofi US.

11/8/2012: From Website
International, announced today that they have joined together and established a special fund to support the patients and nonprofit health centers and clinics in areas affected by Hurricane Sandy.

All contributions to the Sandy Safety–Net Fund will be used exclusively to support nonprofit healthcare safety–net facilities and related activities in affected communities.

DRI is currently working with partners in Brooklyn, Queens, Manhattan, Staten Island, Red Hook, Rockaway and throughout New Jersey.

Spring 2011 Tornadoes – See blog about response with medical supplies and medications to the many regions in the U.S. devastated by the tornadoes:

http://www.directrelief.org/EmergencyResponse/2011/SevereWeatherSoutheastUS.aspx

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Haiti Earthquake
http://www.directrelief.org/EmergencyResponse/2010/EarthquakeHaiti.aspx

Donate Now
to support our earthquake response in Haiti.
100% of your donation goes to programs.

Jesusita Fire: Direct Relief Delivers Protective Masks to First Responders
May 6, 2009

5:50 p.m. In response to the rapidly expanding Jesusita fire, Direct Relief has furnished N95 particulate respirators at the request of local emergency response for use by responders to the Jesusita Fire in Santa Barbara County. Watch a video about our response.

The request for protective masks was made to Direct Relief Emergency Response Coordinator Brett Williams, who was meeting at the Santa Barbara County Emergency Operations Center as sundowner winds fanned the flames, forcing more evacuations. See a map of the evacuation area.

Direct Relief has a formal agreement with the County of Santa Barbara to assist in public emergencies, and Williams participates in meetings and drills routinely to ensure smooth coordination in the event of an emergency. The current situation is being described as an “extreme fire emergency.”

Direct Relief Provides $12,000 in Grants to Tea Fire Victims
100% of all Tea Fire contributions going directly to residents
January 29, 2009

Direct Relief International has approved cash grants totaling $12,000 to residents affected by the devastating November 2008 Tea Fire, which destroyed 210 homes in the foothills of Santa Barbara and Montecito. The grants are being paid with designated contributions Direct Relief received to support Tea Fire victims.

Aid recipients were identified through the Tea Fire Long Term Recovery Committee, an interagency working group coordinating assistance among local nonprofit organizations including the American Red Cross and the United Way. A caseworker hired by the committee has assisted the residents with their aid requests and confirmed the extent of their loss.

Among the grant recipients are Lance and Carla Hoffman. The couple escaped through the flames but suffered serious burn injuries that have required specialized care in Orange County since the fire. The cash grant will help them cover medical expenses, which surpass $95,000. Other grants have been approved for uninsured residents identified as being in extreme financial hardship directly caused by losses in the fire.

These cash grants were made possible by generous donors who contributed to Direct Relief’s response and recovery efforts, including the leading software company QAD, based in Santa Barbara.

During the incident, Direct Relief tapped internal funds from its general emergency account to purchase and distribute thousands of protective N95 particulate masks to residents and emergency personnel. Tea Fire contributions were not used for those expenses or internal personnel costs related to the response because the organization determined the actions were the type of activities for which it raises general funds.

As a result, Direct Relief is using 100% of all contributions specifically designated for the Tea Fire for direct financial assistance to fire victims. “In all emergencies that generate restricted contributions, we believe it important to articulate very clearly how such contributions are used, including explaining our internal accounting practices,” said President and CEO Thomas Tighe. “We are very fortunate to have supporters who understand that emergencies are difficult to predict and allow us the discretion to use funds as needed.

“Because of that general support to Direct Relief," he continued, "we were able to respond fast and, in this case, use every designated dollar we received to support local residents only and precisely for that purpose.”

Remaining Tea Fire funds will be allocated to affected residents identified and approved through the interagency process. People affected by the Tea Fire may contact Pamela Voge, Long Term Recovery Coordinator, at the Santa Barbara Chapter of the American Red Cross to apply for assistance: (805) 687–1331 ext. 107.

QAD Makes Computer Workstations Available for Tea Fire Residents
In–kind donation supports those who lost home offices

January 5, 2009
For Santa Barbara and Montecito residents who lost their home offices in the Tea Fire, QAD has made a generous in–kind donation through Direct Relief International of temporary computer workstations at QAD’s headquarters in Summerland.

Between 20 and 30 temporary workstations outfitted with Internet–accessible laptop computers will be available to applicants on a first come, first served basis. The work stations are available starting January 5, 2009, from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday. Users are asked to respect a 30–day limit per person, with laptops available for in–office use only.

To apply for a QAD temporary workstation, contact Damon Taugher at Direct Relief: (805) 964–4767, or dtaugher @directrelief.org.

Please Note: Direct Relief sends medical aid to areas affected by emergencies. We cannot send volunteers to assist with emergencies

Services offered: Computer, Desktop; Demographic Served: Low Income Folks; Demographic Served: Survivors, Natural Disaster Impacted Communities; Disaster Relief System Development Guidance; Distribution, Supplies, International Distribution of Supplies; Distribution, Supplies, National Distribution of Supplies; Donations, Disaster Fund; First Responder, West Coast Region; Masks, Face Masks, N95 (w/Respirator/Cartidges); Medical, Supplies * (ANY/ALL Types) ; Medication, Rx, * Prescription Medicine * (ANY/ALL Types); Services, Disaster Recovery
Campaigns: 2005 Hurricane Katrina; 2005 Hurricane Rita; 2007 California Wildfires; 2007 Tropical Cyclone Sidr; 2008 California Wildfires; 2009 Central Pacific Coast Jesusita Wildfire; 2010 Haiti Earthquake; 2011 Alabama Tornado; 2011 Mississippi Tornado; 2011 Missouri Tornado; 2011 Spring – Tornadoes–Floods–Wind Storms; 2012 Hurricane Sandy; 2013 Oklahoma Tornadoes; 2020/2021 Pandemic, Coronavirus/COVID–19; 2020 California Fires; 2020 Hurricane Laura; 2020 Oregon Fires; 2020 Washington Fires; 2024 Hurricanes Milton/Helene; Direct Relief International; FedEx; Partnership for Quality Medical Donations (PQMD)
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