

# Testimonials from Fire Relief Recipients

As a first and now totally unexpected second round grant recipient of relief funding after the Northern California wildfires, I just want to express my deep and profound gratitude to you and your organization for your kindness and generosity in giving. The funds you donated to me are of significant and ongoing help in the rebuilding of my life with family here in Massachusetts after having lost everything in the Sonoma County Tubbs Fire this past October. My heart has been warmed, and my life made easier by your gifts, and that is no small thing to me.

Thank you again, and please be assured that I will be a life long supporter of the United Way!

Best Wishes,  
Dianne

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Thank you so much for all your caring and love. It means so much for us especially during this hard time now. Thank you!!!

Warm regards,  
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My husband and I are extremely grateful for the support of the United Way, Redwood Credit Union, the Press Democrat, and Senator McGuire.

We are truly thankful for the kindness and generosity of all who made the contributions that make your work possible.

Once we are back on our feet, the United Way and Red Cross will be two of our go-to charities so that we can help you continue your good work.

Take care,  
Siobhan

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This helps us in more ways than one! We'll need all the financial support we can muster, but knowing you and your fine organization, along with its generous partners, provide wonderful emotional support as well.

Bless you,  
Gayle & Larry

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Wow, Thank you for the great news. I have been worrying about the upcoming Christmas season. Please rest assured this money will be used to pay bills now, allowing us to be financially ready for Christmas. If there is such a thing!  
Funny, during the County of Sonoma's United Way drive (Combined Fund Drive), I never thought I would be receiving help when I signed up for payroll deduction.

Thank you again,  
Russell

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Thanks for your prayers and financial assistance, please consider us if you continue considering to provide more financial funds, we haven't been able to be back since the 9th. But your help have been given me the spirit to continue providing my assistance to all those in need as well.

Gracias Mil.  
Raul

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Thank you soooooo much. The moneys you made available has already been deposited into my "rebuilding" fund.

THANK GOD FOR UNITED WAY!!!!!!!  
Mary

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Thank you for this wonderful news. We are so very grateful for the generosity of your organization during our time of need. We have recently taken in a teen girl who lost her home in Coffey Park in order to allow her a chance to finish her senior year of high school in Santa Rosa and this will help with lost income, as well as the expense of having an additional member joining our family. We have always supported the United Way through Sonoma County Human Services campaign in the Combined Fund Drive and look forward to being able to do so again once we have made it through this challenging time.

Again, thank you so very much from the bottom of our hearts.

Thank you,  
Kimberly

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Thank you for the great news! I'm crying right now...than you beyond words. Feeling shocked and overwhelmed!!! Wow! Yes I'll be there to pick it up :) :)

Rachel

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Thank you and thank you RCU and the United Way. The past few weeks have been unreal. There is so much I didn't know I needed to know about insurance and debris and codes and just everything. It's hard to process that this is my life now. But I am so grateful we are all safe and we have such a wonderfully supportive community.

Thank you again.  
Shelly

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Wow. Thank you, United way, Redwood Credit Union and all the people who donated to this cause. This is great. The whole rebuilding process is a stressor on all aspects, of ones life. Dealing with insurance and the total loss is challenging. Your process was easy to navigate and much appreciated.

Thanks much,  
Normell & family

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Bless you for what you've all done for my three-year-old daughter and I! We bought a trailer to have a safe, warm, dry roof over our heads when we couldn't afford crazy rent prices and people not wanting to rent a room to a single mother with a three-year-old. Thank you!!!!!! We can stay in the area now by our friends and where I grew up.

I started laughing and crying when I opened the envelope the second check was in. I thought it was my RCU bank statement. My daughter didn't know what was happening. It was enough to pay off the trailer on the cash advance I made while FEMA is taking up to 90 days more to finalize my case! I can't believe it. I don't have to wake up early and worry how I'll make it to my tax return. I can breathe again and enjoy the holidays by feeling not stressed.

You will never know how much this means to me. I am so proud of RCU, United Way and the donors. I'm speechless.

Forever Grateful,  
Jessica and Ivy (3 years old)