

Rotarians come together for California Fire Relief



We continue to receive requests for donation opportunities to assist fire victims to the north and to the south, as Rotarians are so willing and generous in their desire to help those suffering in these horrible tragedies. I had the opportunity this weekend to meet and talk with the District Governors from D-5160 (which includes Butte County) and D-5240 (which includes Ventura County). While there are many avenues through which disaster assistance can be delivered, we are, of course, anxious to direct cash donations to the most efficient and effective path to those in need. The strong recommendations I have received from these Rotary Governors for online donations are:

Paradise (Camp) Fire: <https://www.gofundme.com/paradisestrong-fire-relief> (Not tax deductible)

Hill and Woolsey Fire: <https://vccf.org/donate/hill-fire-and-woolsey-fire-sudden-and-urgent-needs-effort/>

Red Cross Disaster Response: <http://www.rdcross.org/rotarydistrict5170>

Contributions by check will also be accepted by our own **District 5170 Foundation** (please mark them "Fire Relief"), and those will be disbursed under the direction of a Disaster Relief Subcommittee appointed by our District Foundation Chair, Dennis Young. Tax deductible donations can be sent to our **District 5170 Office at 2570 N. First Street, Suite 200, San Jose, CA 95131.**

On behalf of those who have lost so much, we appreciate the support from generous neighboring Rotarians.

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