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**Grants to Support Nonprofits Providing Needed Resources for Carr and Ferguson Fires**

*Sacramento* – Today, Sierra Health Foundation announced funding for five organizations that are providing critical emergency fire relief services to individuals and families affected by the Carr and Ferguson fires. The organizations include: Alliance for Community Transformation, Human Response Network, Salvation Army Redding Corps, Shasta Regional Community Foundation and United Way of Northern California. All five organizations are expanding their current services to include emergency or recovery fire relief services in affected communities. Funding from the foundation totals \$40,000 to the five organizations.

“We commend these community organizations that are providing essential services and resources to those impacted by the disastrous fires in our region,” said Chet P. Hewitt, President and CEO of Sierra Health Foundation. “We know they are doing everything possible to improve the emotional and physical well-being of families and individuals in their communities during this very difficult time.”

“We are very grateful for this latest grant, which will provide cash assistance to Carr Fire survivors and help ensure that our 2-1-1 helpline remains available to connect residents to vital services throughout the relief and recovery process,” said Larry Olmstead, President and CEO, United Way of Northern California. “Calls to 2-1-1 for disaster and relief services have increased exponentially since the onset of this emergency. Sierra Health Foundation’s assistance to our organization and others is further proof of its longstanding commitment to improving lives and communities.”

“In partnership with Mariposa County Human Services, Mariposa Community Foundation, United Methodist Church, and Rotary, we have been working hard to meet the needs of our community due to the impacts of the Ferguson Fire,” said Alison Tudor, Executive Director, Alliance for Community Transformations. “Many Mariposa County residents were evacuated for long periods of time and power in their homes was off. Evacuations and power outages caused a financial burden due to loss in wages from businesses shutting down and the loss of food from refrigerators and freezers. The funding from Sierra Health Foundation will assist the Alliance in helping minimize the financial burden by giving fire victims grocery gift cards. This generous grant will help reduce the stress that wildfires cause in a community and help us begin the recovery process.”

Each of these nonprofits provide valuable resources to their community and with so many people out of their homes, they are conducting assessments to identify urgent needs.

[Alliance for Community Transformations](#) is working to disseminate funds quickly through gift cards for grocery stores and other relief support services.

[Human Response Network](#) is working to provide relief services for residents impacted by the Carr fire including support for displaced individuals.

[Salvation Army Redding](#) Emergency Disaster Services has deployed multiple teams to serve evacuees and first responders at the Carr Fire.

[Shasta Regional Community Foundation](#) has set up a relief fund for long-term recovery and has been working with the nonprofit sector to assist with immediate relief needs.

[United Way of Northern California](#) is working to provide short-term emergency cash assistance relief as well as operating the 211 call center for resource referrals.

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