

Inland Empire United Way

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Inland Empire United Way is working hard to provide support in the wildfire disaster situation. This newsletter is intended to keep you informed of our efforts and to let you know how you can help. Your continued support is appreciated!

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2-1-1 proves itself in disaster

Nearly 3,000 people were assisted by 2-1-1 over the last week, which is about 3 times the average call volume.

2-1-1 is a toll-free phone number that provides information and referrals for health and social services and the latest information on the San Bernardino County Fires. Dialing 2-1-1 is the quickest way to access non-emergency resources for your family, your neighbors and your employees.



The Latest... [on San Bernardino County Fires](#)

Dial 2-1-1 (or 888-435-7565) for information on:

- Current Fire Emergencies
- Road Closures
- Evacuation Shelters
- Mail/Postal Information
- School Closures
- Shelter and Housing
- Clothing
- Food and Water
- Childcare
- Animal Assistance (shelter, care, etc.)
- Health Care
- Government Resources
- Transportation
- Personal Reassurance
- Communication Resources (calling cards, etc.)
- Donation and volunteer information

2-1-1 San Bernardino County is funded in part by:



2-1-1 is collaborating with other agencies to provide disaster support

2-1-1 San Bernardino is working with other local agencies to broaden the system of response to the wildfires disaster. 2-1-1 is recording and updating all the resources that are becoming available in response for the fire.

The County of San Bernardino is providing additional staff for the 2-1-1 phone system to further assist callers with additional questions related to the current fire emergencies. Tonight from 7 - 11 p.m., County employees will be staffing the 2-1-1 line for callers seeking information on the results of the County's property damage assessment in the fire area. Callers will be able to dial in to find out information on specific addresses that suffered loss in the fire.

Because of the 2-1-1 mutual aid agreements in place, employees from other 2-1-1 centers around the state are available to supplement our own staff. Ollie Arnold from Eden I & R is here until Monday night.

Hands On Inland Empire coordinates fire-related volunteer opportunities



Local citizens wanting to give their help are encouraged to sign up on Inland Empire United Way's www.HandsOnInlandEmpire.org volunteer website and join the "Wildfires 2007 Response Team" to be added to the mailing list for volunteer opportunities in conjunction with the fires.

Inland Empire United Way's Hands On Initiative is sending out daily updates to this mailing list to keep people informed on the current fire situation and volunteer needs. At the present time, volunteers are encouraged to be patient. The desire of volunteers to serve is appreciated. Once real, immediate needs are identified, Hands On Inland Empire will make volunteer opportunities available.

Currently 358 volunteers are responding by registering their interest in fire related assistance. Hands On is also partnered with American Red Cross - IE Chapter so all spontaneous volunteers are encouraged to register on our site.

If your organization or group is in need of volunteers for disaster-related needs, Hands On Inland Empire has volunteers waiting to be dispatched. Contact Larry Deckel at ldeckel@ieuw.org or (909) 980-2857 ext. 208.

Donate to the San Bernardino County Fire Recovery Fund

Residents who wish to help can donate by credit card to the San Bernardino County Fire Recovery Fund (Inland Empire United Way) to ensure that families and individuals most-affected by the Slide and Grass Valley Fires will receive assistance needed to continue their lives.

Please visit [the San Bernardino County Fire Recovery Fund donation page](#) to donate.

Checks may also be mailed in care of "The Recovery Fund" to:

Inland Empire United Way, 9644 Hermosa Avenue, Rancho Cucamonga, CA 91730

"This assistance may include help with housing and food, counseling, transportation, and supplies necessary to make temporary living quarters a *home*," said Carol Baker, Inland Empire United Way president. "Funds donated are fully tax-deductible and will be distributed quickly; no administrative charge will be taken."

Disaster Recovery Committee

IEUW is convening a Disaster Recover Committee on Tuesday, October 30 to develop strategies to address the ongoing, unmet recovery needs of San Bernardino County residents affected by the wildfires. Local nonprofit organizations, faith-based groups and government agencies will meet to coordinate recovery services.

Thank you for supporting Inland Empire United Way!