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October 13, 2015

Dear Redwood City Rotarians,

I was blown away by your generosity. It was only the first time I attended your meeting, and you welcomed me with a donation of \$232 dollars for the fire relief efforts in Northern California. Thank you so much!

Enclosed you will find an update from the Golden State and Del Oro Divisions regarding The Salvation Army's response to the Butte Fire (Calaveras County) and the Valley Fire (Napa and Lake Counties). Multiple Salvation Army units are involved in the response, including the deployment of canteens and volunteer teams to provide food, hydration and emotional support to fire fighters, first responders, and fire evacuees.

Golden State Emergency Disaster Services Director, John McKnight was on scene in Valley Springs overseeing the feeding operations. This update has also been posted to our website: <http://www.tsagoldenstate.org/goldenstate/news/ValleyButteFires>

Thank you again for your support!

Sincerely,

Lt. Francine Huck, Corps Officer

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## Salvation Army Responding to the Valley and Butte Fires in Northern California

*Multiple mobile kitchens on the scene to feed first responders and evacuees*

**SEPTEMBER 14, 2015:** The Salvation Army has deployed multiple canteens (mobile kitchens) to two major wildfire areas in Northern California: the Butte Fire in Calaveras County and the Valley Fire in Lake County and Napa County. Teams are on the scene to serve meals for first responders and evacuees in both disaster sites.

### **Butte Fire**

- Today, Salvation Army canteens from San Francisco and Modesto arrived to replace a team from Lodi which had been serving in various sites in the towns of Valley Springs and Burson.
- The Salvation Army is now focusing efforts at two shelter locations: Jenny Lind Veterans Memorial District (189 Pine Street, Valley Springs) and Good Samaritan Church (4684 Baldwin Street, Valley Springs). The Salvation Army team is also utilizing the kitchens at the shelters sites.
- The Salvation Army is also serving at the Red Cross command center.
- Starting Wednesday, The Salvation Army will add a feeding location at the Calaveras County Fairgrounds, providing an additional 300 meals per day.

Since Thursday, nearly 3,000 meals have been provided for this fire scene.

### **Valley Fire**

Canteens from various Salvation Army locations (Auburn, Napa, San Rafael and Santa Rosa) are in the affected area:

- Kelseyville High School (5480 Main St, Kelseyville)
- Clearlake Senior Center (3245 Bowers Avenue, Clearlake)
- Clearlake Walmart (15960 Dam Rd, Clearlake)
- Napa County Fairgrounds (1435 N Oak St, Calistoga)

So far, more than 900 meals have been served. Along the meal service, The Salvation Army will also provide emotional and spiritual care to residents seeking that assistance.

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### **Donation Information**

Only monetary donations are needed at this time. The Salvation Army uses 100% of disaster donations in support of local disaster relief operations.

To give, visit [www.tsagoldenstate.org](http://www.tsagoldenstate.org) or call 1-415-503-2748 and designate “Northern California Fires.” Donations by mail may be designated “Northern California Fires” and sent to:

The Salvation Army, Golden State Headquarters  
832 Folsom Street  
San Francisco, CA. 94107

In-kind donations are not currently being accepted outside the disaster area. However, these gifts are vitally important to your local Salvation Army. To give items locally, visit [www.SATruck.com](http://www.SATruck.com) or call 1-800-SA-TRUCK.

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