

Catholic Charities Diocese of Monterey assists survivors of the 2020 California wildfires to achieve long-term recovery through holistic case management services

The Disaster Case Management Program (DCMP) will support residents adversely impacted by the CZU Lightning Complex, Dolan, River, Carmel and Coleman fires throughout Santa Cruz and Monterey Counties.

Santa Cruz, California— May 19 2021 — California Department of Social Services and Catholic Charities of California has awarded Catholic Charities Diocese of Monterey the Disaster Case Management Program (DCMP) contract to support local wildfire survivors return to safe, sanitary, and secure housing.

Since August 2020, Catholic Charities Diocese of Monterey has distributed nearly \$100,000 in wildfire disaster relief aid thanks to the generosity of Catholic Charities USA, Catholic Charities of California, Santa Cruz Community Foundation, Community Foundation for Monterey County, United Way of Santa Cruz, and donors. Catholic Charities will now support wildfire survivors in their long-term recovery through the Disaster Case Management Program (DCMP). Ana Ventura Phares, Executive Director of Catholic Charities said, “Our staff in Santa Cruz and Seaside are honored to work with the survivors and their families to regain stability after this traumatic disaster.”

This program assists clients by providing: support in developing and achieving individualized recovery plans, advocacy and follow up with FEMA and SBA appeals, coordination of construction resources, and connection to financial assistance and other local programs. Catholic Charities will provide most services in the Santa Cruz Office. Contact our staff by calling (831) 920-4764 or email dcmp@catholiccharitiesdom.org.

Catholic Charities Diocese of Monterey is a 501(c) (3) nonprofit, serving people in Santa Cruz, San Benito, Monterey, and San Luis Obispo counties. For more information about or to donate to Catholic Charities, visit www.catholiccharitiesdom.org

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