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Ms. K.C. Boylan  
Mr. Wayne Olts  
Los Rios College Federation of Teachers

Dear K. C. and Wayne:

It has been nearly a year since the King Fire started in El Dorado County. In some ways, the people and landscapes touched by the fire have resumed normal activities; in other (perhaps less obvious) ways, the struggle to put the effects of the fire behind them continues. Since almost 12 months have passed, we wanted to update you and your organization with outcomes from the generous support your organization provided last fall for victims of the fire.

First of all, the EDC administrative staff was completely taken aback by LRCFT's gracious response to our efforts to raise funds for the King Fire victims initiated at the El Dorado Center of Folsom Lake College last fall. As a community-supporting entity it was our intention to "pass the hat" with the hope of giving our friends and work associates the opportunity to help out during a time when our friends and neighbors were struggling with the direct impacts of a catastrophic fire – including being displaced from their homes, loss of personal property, and disruption of their normal lives. With the modest amount of money collected throughout the campus and the generous contribution of the LRCFT, a check in the amount of \$5,232.00 was given to the El Dorado County Community Foundation last fall to support fire victims. Enclosed is a news release from the Foundation which summarizes how the money was used.

Because LRCFT cared about the Sierra foothills, El Dorado County and our community, this donation was made possible. Your organization's generosity will be remembered as a demonstration of LRCFT's commitment to one of the communities we serve and an example of our connection to the students at all of our campus locations.

Please accept and pass along to your colleagues this humble expression of our heartfelt gratitude.

Sincerely,



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Dean of the El Dorado Center of Folsom Lake College



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The King Fire Fund at the El Dorado Community Foundation  
Update

The El Dorado Community Foundation, as the fiscal agent of the King Fire Fund, is pleased to share the following updates with this generous community that has displayed such a unified spirit of giving to the victims of the King Fire Fund.

Fundraising took the shape of everything from a Raindance music festival at the Crystal Basin Cellars to "fill the boot" stagings at local fire stations to a spaghetti feed and auction that was made possible through the generosity of gifts from businesses and individuals throughout the county. Local citizens worked tirelessly to organize these events and can take great pride in their efforts. "El Dorado County stood tall and came together to support the property owners who were affected by the King Fire", said Lauren Murphy, one of the Raindance festival organizers. "We are now working together to ensure that these funds get distributed before the holidays as people contemplate rebuilding their homes and their lives". To date, the Foundation has recorded monetary donations totaling \$45,000.00.

It would be impossible to mention all of the gifts that have come into the Foundation Office through these efforts. Collective giving from near and far generated several checks recently presented to the Foundation including the following: SMUD Employees, Los Rios College Federation of Teachers, Los Rios Student Activities Club, and the Sacramento Region Community Foundation. Thoughtful hand crafted gifts of quilts from the Hangtown Quilters and Christmas ornaments from Girl Scout Troop #2266 in Rocklin have also been accepted and are being distributed.

Megan Buchanan, Donor Services Coordinator at the Foundation, has been gathering information and coordinating with the El Dorado County Office of Emergency Services, fundraising leaders, the Pollock Pines Chamber of Commerce, and victims of the fire themselves. The next step is a meeting to finalize the plan for the distribution with representatives of the White Meadows Road community and the El Dorado Community Foundation to be held the first week in December. Mike Owen, CPA, and owner of Crystal Basin Bistro in Camino, has been assisting the community with creating a distribution matrix and stated, "The plan is to distribute the funds to property owners based on the extent of the fire damage to that property. We wanted a simple way to divide these grants that everyone could clearly understand." Funds will ultimately be granted from the Foundation to the Pollock Pines-Camino Chamber of Commerce, a designated nonprofit that has the ability to then grant directly to these property owners.

The El Dorado Community Foundation is a designated 501 (c) (3) nonprofit in the state of California. All checks written to the Foundation or donated through the Foundation's website will receive a tax deductible letter of acknowledgement. For questions or more information about the work of the Foundation and/or the King Fire Fund, you may contact them at 530-622-5621 or at [www.eldoradocf.org](http://www.eldoradocf.org)