

DISASTER RECOVERY SERVICES

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CLIENT SUCCESSES

The month of January saw a lot of progress for clients seeking to prepare for rebuilding. Five clients in total received powerpole permits, including one whose Disaster Case Manager (DCM) successfully advocated for them to receive two powerpoles instead of the one that was previously there to ensure the two separate dwellings on the property each have a separate power source and meter.

A DCM was able to support a client in asking for more funds from PG&E's settlement offer; this effort was successful and this fire survivor now has the money needed to purchase a home. Another client received help from his DCM to get his mobile home moved to his property, and the home is now being assembled. Two clients had SHOP applications approved in January – one for septic/sewer installation and one for a freezer. Finally, our DCMs helped a client successfully navigate the approval of funding for a washing machine; after completing their relocation, this was the last item on that client's recovery plan.

DCMP EXTENDED 6 MONTHS

PRS and the two other Disaster Case Management Programs working on the Dixie Fire were awarded a six-month extension for their FEMA-funded work with fire survivors. This news comes as a relief for programs that will be working diligently during the next several months to help survivors prepare for construction season and continue progress on their recovery plans.

Of the current caseload, nearly half of survivors have complex needs. These 'Tier 4' clients include fire survivors who lost their homes and who are elderly, disabled, uninsured/underinsured, and low/moderate income; most fall into more than one of these categories. PRS looks forward to continuing to serve all its clients and is grateful for the additional six months of support to the community.



Rena & Dustin Moffet at Crystal Lake in 2022

ON THE FRONT LINES

*RENA MOFFET
DFRC COORDINATOR*

Rena Moffet and her husband, Dustin, were looking for where to settle after her husband's military career came to an end. Her husband had grown up around this area and always wanted to return. After traveling some and a detour living in Oregon, they passed through Indian Valley on a trip back to Quincy to visit family. Of that trip, Rena says, "I felt it – that tingle, that excitement – and I knew right then, that we would soon make the move." They bought their home in Indian Valley in September 2020, thrilled to live in such a magical area.

When the Dixie Fire came through, Rena and her husband evacuated for the scariest 53 days of her life. They returned to find that, despite some damage, their home was still standing. Though their home was spared, she knew so many in her community were now homeless and had lost everything. A combination of the need to not feel helpless and survivor's guilt spurred Rena to action. In August 2022 she learned of the position with the Dixie Fire Resource Center (then the Rebuilding Greenville Resource Center). She applied, was hired, and has helmed the DFRC since.

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"Working for PRS has changed my life!" Rena claims. "I have been able to help so many in our community with a variety of different needs and goods. I have also gained some lifelong friendships. I love my job, all of my team members, and I get to do what I truly love, which is helping people." She hopes to continue serving Indian Valley for years to come. She is inspired in her work by a quote from Eric Greitens: "Yet from pain can come wisdom, from fear can come courage, from suffering can come strength – if we have the virtue of resilience."

When she's not working, Rena loves to find the beauty in life through the lens of a camera. She can often be found in a field of wildflowers or deep in the woods looking for the 'Perfect Shot' while her dogs find the perfect stick for a game of 'Catch Me if You Can' and her husband yells, "Look what I found!" She and Dustin are avid explorers (especially of dirt roads) as well as rock hounds.



DFRC NEWS

The Dixie Fire Resource Center provided the community with gently used, warm winter clothing in January, including knitted hats that were handmade and donated last year and have come out in time for the cold weather. The DFRC was able to provide six families with donated furniture and also worked with the DCMP to get RV winterization materials into the hands of clients. Gleaners of Oroville dropped off a donation of food to help support our community with non-perishable items.

Boss Resources generously donated approximately 30 cords of firewood for DCMP clients using the Emergency Heating Assistance Program.



FEBRUARY EVENTS

Friday, February 16 & Monday, February 19

PRS & DFRC Closed for Presidents' Day

Saturday, February 17, 11:00 AM - 1:00 PM

Dixie Fire Collaborative Community Meeting
Greenville Elementary Cafeteria, 225 Grand St.

Thursday, February 22, 12:00 - 3:00 PM

Senior Lunch with Makin' & Bakin' and DCMP
Greenville High School, Foods Room, 117 Grand St.

SETTLING THE MIND

PRS still has funding available to provide FREE sessions to Dixie Fire survivors who are interested in getting support through either our Mindful Living or our Trauma Recovery & Education Program.

These two programs offer one-on-one sessions with either our Mindful Living Coordinator certified in Mindfulness-Based Stress Reduction (530-283-3611) or our Advanced Certified Trauma Practitioner (530-283-2735, ext. 844).

More information about each of these services can be found online at PRS's website:

[Mindful Living Services](#)

[Trauma Recovery & Education](#)

Thanks to generous support from the North Valley Community Foundation, these services are free to Dixie Fire survivors until the funds are exhausted.

SENIOR COMPANIONS

The Passages program from Chico State Enterprises is looking for adults ages 55 and older who are willing to lend the gift of friendship and help an older adult. Participants may provide rides to doctor appointments, the grocery store, or go to lunch together. They will visit with older adults who want to remain independent and live in the community either in their home or by phone. Mileage reimbursement and gas cards are available as well as an hourly stipend for those who income qualify. For more information about this program, call Samantha at 530-898-4027 or visit their website [here](#).

SENIOR LUNCH

On Thursday, February 22nd, we invite residents ages 55 and older in Indian Valley and the surrounding areas to come have lunch with PRS's DCMP and Greenville High School's Makin' & Bakin' class. Visit with old friends and make some new ones! Door prizes will be given out to those that attend.

Lunch will consist of 2 different soups, rolls, salad, and a dessert. The lunch will be held at Greenville High School's Foods Room (117 Grand St., Greenville) from 12:00 - 3:00 PM, or until food runs out. For more information or to RSVP, contact Catherine Cruse 530-283-2735, ext. 883.



February, a form pale-vestured, wildly fair.
One of the North Wind's daughters with
icicles in her hair.

- Edgar Fawcett

JANUARY SERVICE STATISTICS

STABILIZATION RESOURCES

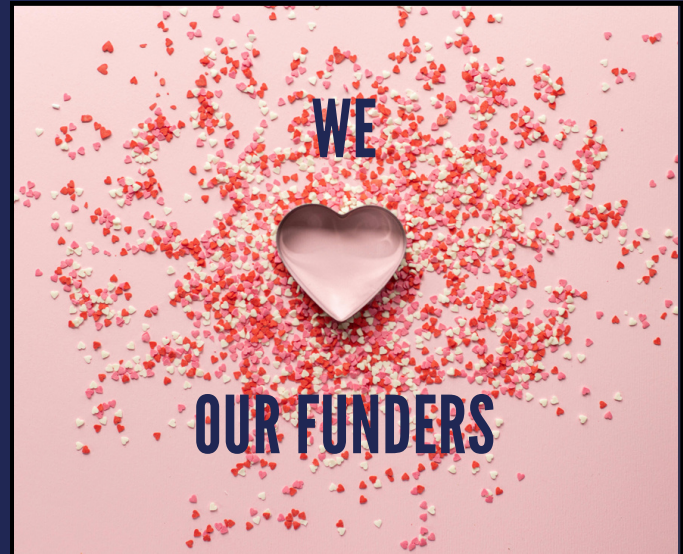
Gas Vouchers Distributed - 8
Stabilization Funds Requests Filled - 2
Value of Stabilization Support - \$1,055

DISASTER CASE MANAGEMENT

Clients Triageed - 1
Survivors Served - 143 (720 total to date)
Cases Closed - 8
Client Referrals Provided - 21
Value of Client Referrals - \$3,122
SHOP Applications Funded - 2
Value of SHOP Applications - \$3,582

FUNDS DISTRIBUTED as of 1/31/24

SHOP Funds - \$89,459
Phase 1 Funds - \$2,490
Stabilization Funds - \$261,399
Unmet Needs Funds - \$106,291



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**Thank you to
Dixie Fire funders**

Thank you to the 13 organizations that have jointly funded grants totaling nearly \$200,000 for Dixie Fire relief. We are working together to stretch the dollars that were donated to help relief and recovery efforts in affected communities. Together we are stronger.

