

# DISASTER RECOVERY SERVICES

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## CLIENT SUCCESSES

In February, the Disaster Case Management Program (DCMP) celebrated the success of one DCM client who had a significant housing project fully funded through an Unmet Needs application their Disaster Case Manager (DCM) presented to the Funders' Roundtable. The client and her son have disabilities, and their home was in the middle of having drywall torn out to replace the home's insulation at the time of the Dixie Fire. She and her son are on a fixed income and are unable to finish work themselves. Her DCM found a contractor who could come and assist with the project; during the contractor's inspection, it was discovered that the home's old floor tiles had toxic adhesive that was being emitted and needed to be replaced. The contractor worked with the client to discount the materials and provided some free labor and other supports to help the client. The client applied to the Unmet Needs committee for funding for the materials, and this application was approved in late February. The contractor will be able to replace the flooring, replace the insulation, and finish the walls after repair. This mother and her son will now have a safe, secure and sanitary house to live in.



Two clients had SHOP (Stable Housing Opportunities Program) applications funded in February – one for furniture and another for a new water heater. Both clients have already received their funds and are preparing to complete these projects by mid-March.



Nina Peay

## ON THE FRONT LINES

NINA PEAY  
RESOURCE & CALL COORDINATOR

Nina Peay is a Plumas County native with a passion for helping the people around her. She was born and lived in Quincy most of her life, except about 5 years as a young adult.

Nina worked for the County for over 20 years in several capacities at the Sheriff's Office, the District Attorney's office, and Plumas County Behavioral Health. When she was ready for a change she learned of an opportunity at Plumas Rural Services. She applied for the Resource & Call Coordinator position and was hired in October 2021. She has been helping that program and working on building it up into a 2-1-1 service ever since.

As the Resource & Call Coordinator, Nina likes being able to work with people, go out in the communities, and share information about her program and other programs at PRS. "I like PRS as an agency, because I feel valued here as an employee," she says. "I like working with like-minded people - we're all here to help people, and that makes for a nice work environment."

When she's not working, Nina enjoys the outdoors,

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including hiking and gardening - she has a vegetable and flower garden in her yard. As someone who is driven by connection with others, Nina also likes spending time with her children, friends and family, and she spends a lot of time at her children's sports events.

## EASTER COLORS

*A CALL FOR ALL YOUNG ARTISTS*

The Disaster Case Management Program is hosting an Easter Coloring Contest. Entries are being taken March 1st - 25th. Coloring pages and entry forms are available digitally from Plumas County schools and on the [PRS website here](#). Hard copies are available at several locations throughout the county including PRS offices at 711 E. Main in Quincy and the Dixie Fire Resource Center at 15771 Hwy 89 in Crescent Mills.

The winners will be announced March 28th. There will be 3 total winners who receive a large Easter Basket, one per each age category: 0-6, 7-12, and 13-18.



# SENIOR LUNCH

A bright spot in February was a Senior Lunch hosted in Greenville by the DCMP and Greenville High School's Makin' and Bakin' culinary class. Lunch included 2 types of soup, rolls, and dessert funded by Plumas Rural Services and prepared by the culinary class. 27 local seniors attended, along with 5 teachers, 30 elementary school students, and 12 high schoolers. Seniors who attended received a free raffle ticket to win a donated raffle prize. Everyone enjoyed the festivities!

This event was an excellent community building opportunity - it was so successful, the seniors in attendance were asking when they can do it again. Creating these kinds of intergenerational connections within the community was one of the many critical pieces of the social fabric that had been left behind in the face of the enormous and critical recovery tasks post-fire. Many of these kinds of social connection activities are re-emerging around Indian Valley, which is inspiring.



SENIOR Luncheon  
Soup & Salad+Roll  
\* Mexican Pasta  
\* ZUPPA Toscana  
Dressings: Ranch, Balsamic  
Drinks: Lemonade, water, coffee



EVERY DAY IN THE U.S.  
patients in hospitals,  
surgery centers, and  
emergency facilities need  
approximately

**30,000**  
UNITS OF RED BLOOD

# BLOOD DRIVE

The Greenville Rotary is hosting the Indian Valley Community Blood Drive on Friday, March 8th, from 12:30 - 4:45PM at the Greenville High School Gym (117 Grand Street).

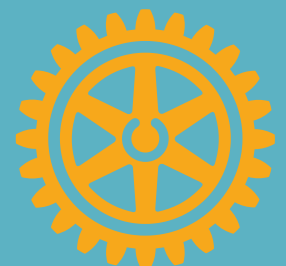
Homemade soup and cookies will be provided for donors. Donate at the drive for a chance to win 1 of 5 \$5,000 prepaid gift cards.

In order to donate, you must be at least 16 years old, weigh at least 110 pounds, and be feeling well on the day of donation. Additional eligibility requirements related to medications and travel will be screened before you donate; you can view eligibility criteria on [Vitalant's website here](#). You must bring photo identification in order to donate.

Donors are encouraged to eat within 2 hours before donating, drink plenty of liquids for the 24-48 hours beforehand including 8-16 ounces of non-alcoholic/non-caffeinated liquid an hour before donating, and avoid or limit caffeinated beverages and energy drinks on the day of donation.

Walk-ins are welcome, or you can call Sherilyn Schwartz at 530-280-0495 or visit the Vitalant website and search Blood Drive Code N1CVG to book an appointment.

# Rotary





## MARCH EVENTS

**Friday, March 8, 12:30 - 4:45 PM**

Greenville Rotary Blood Drive  
Greenville High School Gym, 117 Grand St., Greenville

**Saturday, March 16, 11:00 AM - 1:00 PM**

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

**Monday, March 25**

Deadline for Easter Coloring Submissions  
PRS-DCMP, 711 E. Main St., Quincy

## SPRING RESET: 5X5

Take 5 minutes every day to give your mental health a boost. The following 5 activities can be done anywhere, anytime you need a reset.

- Five Activities, Five Times - Choose 5 physical activities, how drastic the movements depending on your stress or anxiety level. Big stretches, push-ups or jumping jacks for high stress, or snapping fingers, gentle stretches, or kissing your pet if you're calmer.
- Five Words for Now - Identify 5 words that describe how you're feeling right now.
- Five Words for the Future - Speak or write 5 words that describe how you want to feel or be today.
- Five Gratitudes - List 5 things you are grateful for to keep perspective and give yourself the chance to feel and remember the good things in your life.
- Five Breaths - Take 5 deep, cleansing breaths to finish.

## DFRC NEWS

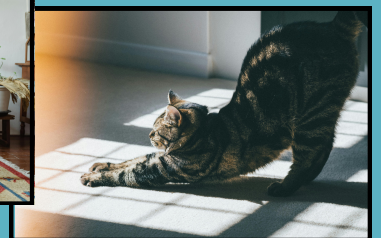
The Dixie Fire Resource Center obtained a donation from No Child Goes Hungry to help supply healthy snacks for a new 'Mommy and Me' play group that will be taking place beginning April 4th. We will be hosting this event at Greenville Elementary School on the first Thursday of the month from 3:30-5:00 PM; if you would like to participate, please RSVP to 530-283-2735, ext. 888.

The program also received 2 food donations from local community members. In February, the DFRC was able to provide gently used jackets and hats to some elementary students, and 2 families received donated furniture. The clothing drive has been so successful, the Center has been able to help a lot of fire survivors with gently used/new clothing. The Dixie Fire Resource Center has also provided winterization materials for clients who are still living in travel trailers, something that has been a huge help for the community.



It was one of those March days when the sun shines hot and the wind blows cold: when it is summer in the light, and winter in the shade.

- Charles Dickens



# FEBRUARY SERVICE STATISTICS

## STABILIZATION RESOURCES

Gas Vouchers Distributed - 2  
Stabilization Funds Requests Filled - 9  
Value of Stabilization Support - \$4583

## DISASTER CASE MANAGEMENT

Clients Triageed - 1  
Survivors Served - 136 (720 total to date)  
Cases Closed - 55  
Client Referrals Provided - 21  
Value of Client Referrals - \$2,551  
Phase 1 Applications Funded - 1  
Amount of Phase 1 Funding Awarded - \$884  
SHOP Applications Funded - 2  
Amount of SHOP Funding Awarded - \$4,651  
SUN Applications Funded - 1  
Amount of SUN Funding Awarded - \$8,894

## CONNECT WITH US

530-283-2735

[www.PlumasRuralServices.org](http://www.PlumasRuralServices.org)

Facebook: @prs.social

Instagram: @plumasruralservices\_inc

X (formerly Twitter): @PRS\_Inc



# FUNDS DISTRIBUTED as of 2/29/24

SHOP Funds - \$90,618  
Phase 1 Funds - \$3,374  
Stabilization Funds - \$264,627  
Unmet Needs Funds - \$115,185



**American Red Cross**



**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.

