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Bay Area Organizations Call for Relief for Wildfire Victims



The National Alliance for Filipino Concerns (NAFCON), together with other San Francisco Bay Area organizations, calls on the community to provide much-needed support to those affected by the ongoing wildfires in Napa, Sonoma, Yuba, and Solano counties of Northern California. The fires, which started on October 8th, has affected over 180,000 acres and destroyed 5,700 structures. Thousands of people have been forced to evacuate. The death toll, which has jumped to at least 35, is expected to increase as search efforts continue in neighborhoods from Santa Rosa to the hills of Napa County.

As firefighters continue their efforts to gain control of the fires, NAFCON is working with Migrant Napa/Solano (a grassroots organization serving Filipino immigrants), the First United Methodist Church (UMC) in Santa Rosa, and other local organizations to monitor the situation, gather reliable resources and information, and collect monetary and in-kind donations for fire victims.

NAFCON has effectively provided relief donations to typhoon and disaster victims in the Philippines since 2009, partnering with credible organizations based in communities directly impacted by these calamities. It hopes to extend similar assistance, resources and compassion to fire-affected families in the Northern Bay Area--especially the most vulnerable workers and immigrants--during this tough time. In addition to providing immediate relief, NAFCON will further evaluate how it will contribute to the affected communities' long-term rehabilitation.

For monetary donations:

1. Donate via check: Make check payable to “NAFCON” and on the memo line, write: “CA Wildfire victims” to clearly allocate it for this purpose. Mail checks to 4681 Mission St., San Francisco, CA 94112 c/o NAFCON. Please, include your return address with your donation.
2. Donate online via credit/debit card or PayPal: Click the link below to donate to fire victims: <http://tinyurl.com/CAFireDonate>

For in-kind donations:

- Kindly limit to gas cards, and Target and Safeway gift cards. For other donations, please visit the [Migrante Napa-Solano Facebook page](#) for more details.
- Drop-off site: First United Methodist Church: 1551 Montgomery Dr., Santa Rosa, CA 94505

For **volunteers**, please call 707-492-5661 or email migrante.napasolano@gmail.com.

Supporting Organizations:

- Migrante Napa/Solano
- First United Methodist Church, Santa Rosa
- National Alliance for Filipino Concerns
- Stanford Pilipino American Student Union
- Filipino Community Center, San Francisco
- Anakbayan East Bay
- Migrante South of Market/Tenderloin
- Anakbayan Silicon Valley
- International Coalition for Human Rights in the Philippines Northern California Network
- Migrante Northern San Mateo County
- Gabriela San Francisco
- Pilipino Association of Workers and Immigrants (PAWIS) Silicon Valley
- Peoples Association for Workers and Immigrants (PAWIS) East Bay
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