



AARON RODGERS
NORCAL FIRE
RECOVERY
FUND at NVCF



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The North Valley Community Foundation and Butte County native Aaron Rodgers have deployed \$100,000 to immediately help Thompson Fire evacuees.

The grants come from NVCF's Wildfire Relief and Recovery Fund, which was created to rapidly help organizations working with individuals affected by wildfires, and the Aaron Rodgers NorCal Recovery Fund, which the New York Jets quarterback created at NVCF after the Camp Fire hit Butte County in 2018.

NVCF and Rodgers awarded \$10,000 grants Wednesday to each of the following organizations:

- Oroville Hope Center
- Oroville Church of the Nazarene
- Tiny Pine Foundation
- Community Action Agency's North State Food Bank
- Butte-Glenn VOAD (Voluntary Organizations Active in Disaster)
- Northern Valley Catholic Social Service
- Oroville Southside Community Improvement Association
- North Valley Animal Disaster Group
- American Red Cross
- United Way of Northern California

The grant money will be used for needs such as emergency shelter, gas cards, food, diapers, swamp coolers and other necessities. The Thompson Fire started on Tuesday, July 2. About 28,000 people have been forced to evacuate.

"With the help of my friends at the North Valley Community Foundation, I will always be committed to helping my beloved Northern California home areas," said Rodgers. "My heart goes out to the families and communities affected, and we will be deploying funds immediately to help those in need."

“We know how important it is to move quickly when people are in crisis. Unfortunately, we’ve seen it too many times in recent years with wildfires in our area,” said NVCF President and CEO Alexa Benson-Valavanis. “In partnership with our dear friend Aaron, we are identifying relief organizations that need resources to help evacuees. We will be there to help as long as we are needed to help our communities recover.”

Rodgers teamed with NVCF after the Camp Fire in 2018. NVCF has deployed more than \$67 million in donations for organizations working with Camp Fire survivors, including for individuals through a coordinated case management system.

NVCF has used the Wildlife Relief and Recovery Fund to raise money and issue grants for the Dixie Fire (nearly \$3 million), North Complex Fire (more than \$1.1 million) and others.

Individuals, organizations and businesses can learn more about the Wildfire Relief and Recovery Fund and donate at www.nvcf.org.