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Ms. Susan Deemer
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Dear Ms. Deemer,

On behalf of the American Red Cross Bay Area Chapter I would like to express our deepest thanks to Katherine Delmar Burke School for raising a total of \$413.00 in support of the San Bruno Fire Relief Fund. Your gift enabled the Red Cross and its volunteers to act immediately – when help is needed most. We greatly appreciate your very successful fundraising efforts.

On September 9, a main gas line ruptured and exploded, igniting a San Bruno neighborhood, displacing hundreds of residents and causing several injuries and deaths. The American Red Cross Bay Area Chapter responded immediately, assisting the affected residents by providing shelter, food and hydration, crisis counseling, cleaning kits and additional assistance to help with their recovery. The Red Cross also deployed volunteers to provide comfort, emotional support and crisis counseling to residents as they return to their homes. In addition, we provided the first responders to the scene with food and drinks. More than 156 Red Cross volunteers and staff members are responding to the tragedy and working on the relief operation.

The Red Cross has met with and registered more than 387 families - more than 1,000 individuals - affected by the fire. These families are receiving assistance from the Red Cross to find alternative housing, replace lost items and create long-term recovery plans. Throughout this response, the Red Cross has worked to support partnering, collaboration and coordination. By supporting the City of San Bruno and the Coordinated Assistance Network (CAN), the Red Cross will continue to use our resources to help with the longer-term recovery concerns in San Bruno, such as housing, health issues and other disaster recovery needs.

Our highest priority is to help those who face disasters. On those rare occasions when donations exceed Red Cross expenses for a specific local disaster, contributions are used to prepare for and serve victims of other disaster in the Bay Area. As the response evolves, please visit www.redcrossbayarea.org or call 1-888-4-HELP BAY to learn more about your gift at work.

Through the generosity of people like you, the American Red Cross Bay Area Chapter is making a difference in the lives of your friends and neighbors. Thank you again for your gift and for taking the initiative to organize this fundraising activity, and for your compassionate support of the American Red Cross and local disaster victims.

Warm regards,

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* Separate acknowledgment letters for tax purposes will be mailed to each individual who donated and provided contact information.



THE AMERICAN RED CROSS BAY AREA

Recognizes

Katherine Delmar Burke School

**For support of
San Bruno Fire Relief**

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