



United Way  
British Columbia

# UNITED for BC wildfire recovery

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## Your Impact

Summer 2024

This year we welcomed the North to the United Way BC family and were able to respond when fires impacted thousands starting in May. Over the summer we saw more fires impacting the province, leaving more British Columbians on evacuation orders or alert.

Meanwhile, fires in Alberta destroyed a significant part of Jasper leading to residents and visitors to evacuate through British Columbia on their way to safety. We partnered with United Way of the Alberta Capital Region and local organizations in Kamloops to set up a welcome rest stop as they traveled to their evacuation centres.

Your support has helped so many individuals and communities already – and your donations will continue to support them as they work towards recovery and resilience. Without your commitment to helping those in need we wouldn't be able to provide that support.

Thank you!

### Your donation is supporting communities and individuals in the following areas:

Food and Basic Needs, Child Care and After-School Programs, Mental Health Supports and Counselling, Wildfire Education, Advocacy.



25

Corporate Donors



\$137K

Funds distributed this year to date

18

Agencies funded



\$135K

Funds raised this year



219

Donors who supported the fund this year



When wildfires in Alberta forced the evacuation of the town of Jasper and area of Jasper National Park, two United Ways, one in Alberta and the other in BC, joined hands in support.

In a remarkable display of solidarity, the community of Kamloops came together to set up a rest stop to welcome the 300 evacuees as they travelled through the province on their journey to safety. United Way BC partnered with the Kamloops Food Policy Council and United Way of Alberta Capital Region to feed hungry and tired evacuees at a local arena.

Read the full story - <https://uwbc.ca/stories/2024/a-united-response/>

As heavy smoke displaced community members into Ashcroft and Cache Creek, United Way BC was on the ground, distributing gift cards to support evacuees.

Through a partnership with longtime community leader Trish, Director of the South Cariboo Elizabeth Fry Society, United Way BC supported our friends and neighbours through a time of crisis.



An Indigenous AIDS agency in Northern BC, Positive Living North: No Kheyok t'sih'en t'sehena Society (PLN) helps those on the fringe of society. With support from United Way BC, PLN's two locations in Prince George and Fort St. John was able to provide much-needed support to evacuees in both communities.

It's PLN's work that allowed them to connect with evacuees who were homeless or precariously housed. Being evacuated isn't easy for anyone, but it can be even more difficult for those who may already be struggling or have complex medical considerations.

Read the full story - <https://uwbc.ca/stories/2024/supporting-wildfire-evacuees/>

During the wildfires impacting the East Kootenays, the Caregivers Network provided gas cards, meal vouchers, and lodging support to caregivers and vulnerable seniors who were displaced. They also provided counselling support and system navigation to around 200 clients who were impacted in the region.

Many clients had to vacate their homes due to severe health issues aggravated by the smoke. With six staff members in communities across the region, the Caregivers Network was able to help those in need when they most needed it, while also planning for emergency preparedness in the Fall.

