



# DISASTER RECOVERY SERVICES

AUGUST 2023

[WWW.PLUMASRURALSERVICES.ORG](http://WWW.PLUMASRURALSERVICES.ORG)

## INSIDE THIS ISSUE:

*CLIENT SUCCESSES - 1*

*RESOURCES - 1*

*STAFF HIGHLIGHT - 2*

*STAFF TRAINING - 2*

*DCMP EXTENSION - 2*

*IN THE COMMUNITY - 3*

*UPCOMING EVENTS - 4*

*NATURE MUD! - 4*

*GROUNDING - 4*

*STATISTICS TO DATE - 5*

*FUNDERS - 5*

## CLIENT SUCCESSES

During the month of July, PRS supported a large number of fire survivors as they worked through their recovery plans. Client stabilization funds supported cases including payment of utilities, security and pet deposits, rent deposits, purchase of work gear, purchase of a storage shed, purchase of an air conditioner, and provision of gift cards for critical household needs and gas vouchers. Funds were also provided to support 5 power pedestal permits.

Simple Unmet Needs funding was requested and provided for two clients in July: one for flooring installation and one for a solar generator. Clients are accessing ever more support for particular rebuild issues, a positive indication of the valley in general starting to move more in that direction.

## RESOURCES ABOUND

### *LAST MONTH AT DFRC*

The Dixie Fire Resource Center (DFRC) had a busy July. The resource center was able to provide 2 families with donated furniture. It also provided 6 clients with summer shoes for their children, thanks to Good360. Mark Swaim and the Isaiah 6:8 crew coordinated with DFRC to help move a fire survivor into a trailer that was donated to PRS. He and the crew also helped move an additional 5 donated trailers to be stored.

During the month, DFRC received a \$1,000 donation from "No Child Goes Hungry" to purchase healthy snacks for kids in the community. Community members seeking support should call or stop by the DFRC.



*Monica Corona*

## ON THE FRONT LINES

*MONICA CORONA,  
DISASTER CASE MANAGER*

Monica Corona has lived in Greenville her whole life. She chose to stay because of family in the area, and she wanted to raise her children here. She graduated from Greenville Junior/Senior High School, then proceeded to work at Roundhouse Council Indian Education Center as a Tutor/Office Manager, Collins Pine as a laborer, Country Villa Rehabilitation Center as a CNA, and the Greenville Rancheria as an Accounting Technician. She now is a Disaster Case Manager with PRS.

Monica decided to become a Disaster Case Manager because she and both of her parents lost their homes in the fire. She wanted to be involved in helping her community and friends rebuild their town as well as their homes. "I enjoy my job because I get to work for an amazing company and with a great group of co-workers," she says. "It makes my heart happy to see the town coming back to life with the rebuilds that have been completed and seeing the ones that are currently under construction."

In her free time, Monica enjoys spending time with her children, family, and friends. She loves to travel and make memories that will last a lifetime.

## STAFF TRAINING

Some of our Disaster Case Managers recently took part in a pilot training based on Imagine You's "What Matters Most" recovery model. DCMs were introduced to the skills on how to ask this question to help groups, organizations, and clients define how to prioritize their recovery goals and visions for the future. "What Matters Most" is founded on the belief in the power of people to transform their lives using small steps. Those trained in this model assist others with self capacity building while increasing their ability to respond to disaster and personal trauma.

On a more process-oriented training note, Construction Cost Analyst Dan Litchfield invited PG&E Representatives Natasha Beehmer and Matt MacGregor to talk to the Disaster Case Managers about the power pedestal program and the best practices of requesting a power pedestal for a rebuilding client. The DCMs learned more about the process, what PG&E is looking for on the applications, how long the process can take, and the timeline for the power pedestal program. Fire survivors with questions about this can contact their DCM.

## DCMP EXTENSION

PRS worked closely with St. Vincent de Paul and Catholic Charities of California to request an extension from FEMA for the Disaster Case Management Program for the Dixie Fire. The program was originally slated to terminate at the end of August 2023. We are pleased to announce that FEMA has granted a 6-month extension for services, which is particularly critical for Dixie Fire survivors who are still in the process of learning what their overall settlements will look like. This information is vital to understanding what their recovery plans might look like. The extra time to engage with the Disaster Case Management Program means that clients will have the information they need to make reasonable and sustainable decisions for their households moving forward.



# IN THE COMMUNITY

## JOINING THE JULY FESTIVITIES

On the 4th of July, PRS Disaster Case Management Program (DCMP) and Dixie Fire Resource Center (DFRC) staff rode and walked in the Taylorsville Parade; Disaster Case Managers Misty Eckels and Priscilla Rincon handed out candy to the crowd. Staff decorated DFRC's Program Assistant Martha Vaughn's pick-up truck in red, white and blue, and DCMP Coordinator Nancy Presser and Construction Cost Analyst Dan Litchfield waved to the crowd from the back of the truck.

Disaster Case Managers Priscilla Rincon and Adam Toler and DCMP Coordinator Nancy Presser staffed a DCMP booth at the Roundhouse Big Time Event on July 8th at the Greenville campgrounds. We had a kiddie pool filled with bubble soap, a variety of bubble wands, and hula hoops for the children to play with and keep cool. The DFRC donated sunscreen and candy to distribute.



*DCMP Staff with Gold Diggers Day float*

Gold Diggers Days on July 15th was a full day with DCMs Bridgett Bustamante and Alisha Wilson leading the DCMP team in decorating a float for the parade. The theme for the parade was 'Community,' and the DCMP and DFRC worked together to create a gold mining camp float on a flatbed trailer. The design included a campfire, tent, clothesline, mining equipment and lots of shimmering decorations on the float and truck. DFRC and DCMP staff walked in the parade or rode in the back of DFRC Program Assistant Martha Vaughn's pick-up truck. Staff passed out candy and kept the crowd cool by shooting them with water sprays. The float received a 1st Prize award for keeping to the roots of historic Greenville.



*Taylorsville 4th of July*



*Roundhouse Big Time*

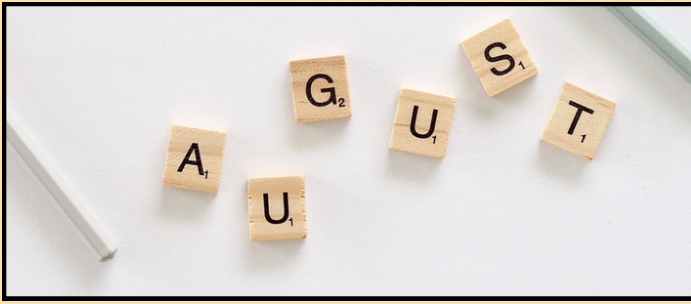
*Continued...*

Later that week, on July 17th, PRS hosted the Indian Valley Community Supper. DCM Bridgett Bustamante spearheaded the organization of the event, coordinating side dishes from staff to complement the Summer BBQ theme. Bridgett secured donations from Holiday Market in Chester for hamburgers, hot dogs and buns. Staff showed up early to decorate the Historic Taylorsville Hall and set the tables with centerpieces provided by Community Supper organizer Jackie Johnson. Staff and their family members Dan Litchfield, Adam Toler, Irshad Stolden, and Dustin Moffet manned the barbecues and the rest of the staff worked inside serving side dishes, drinks, and desserts. It was a successful evening full of community with around 150 attendees.



*Community Supper*





## AUGUST EVENTS

**Thursday, August 3, 5:00 - 8:00 PM**

"Lil Dozer that Did" Book Release Party  
4016 North Arm Rd, Taylorsville

**Thursday, August 3, 5:30 - 7:00 PM**

CDBG-DR Public Comment Meeting  
Greenville Elementary Cafeteria, 225 Grand St.

**Saturday, August 5, 9:00 AM - 2:00 PM**

1st Saturday Market  
Crescent Country, 15771 Hwy 89, Crescent Mills

**Tuesdays, August 8 & 22, 6:00 - 8:00 PM**

Share from the Heart & Guided Meditation  
Plumas Bank Building, 121 Crescent St., Greenville

**Friday, August 11, 9:00 AM - 2:00 PM**

Nature Made Outdoor Youth Program  
Wild Plumas, 1323 Wolf Creek Rd., Greenville

**Friday & Saturday, Aug 11-12, 8:00 AM - 4:00 PM**

Plumas County Veterans Stand Down  
Springs of Hope Christian Fellowship,  
59 Bell Ln, Quincy (*more info [here](#)*)

**Tuesday, August 15, 4:00 - 5:00 PM**

Indian Valley Thrift Shop Association Member's Mtg  
Plumas Bank Building, 121 Crescent St., Greenville  
*New Members Welcome*

**Saturday, August 19, 11:00 AM - 1:00 PM**

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

**Sunday, August 20, 4:00 PM - DARK**

Greenville Country Picnic  
Greenville Community Park, Hot Springs Road

**Monday, August 21, 4:30 PM - 6:30 PM**

Community Supper  
Historic Taylorsville Hall, 4322 Main St., Taylorsville

## NATURE MUD!

The Nature Made Youth Outdoor Program had a blast in July with an unexpected additional 'activity' - a mud pit! 67 local youth turned out to participate in the fun-filled day at Wild Plumas.



In addition to the mud pit, the day was filled with wall climbing with Paralympian Mark Wellman, gold panning with Dustin Moffet, rock painting with Randy Hovland, Maidu traditional knowledge with Danny Manning, guided meditation with Daniel Kearns, zip lining, and a treehouse.

Sign up [here](#) for the next event on Friday, August 11!

## FIND THE RAINBOW

This month's grounding technique can help anyone interrupt their anxiety, and it's an easy one to teach kids as well!



When you need something extra to help you feel calm and centered, look around you for something in each color of the rainbow in order: red, orange, yellow, green, blue, purple. Focusing on your environment while seeking each color in turn can help to bring you fully into the present moment.





## JULY SERVICE STATISTICS

### STABILIZATION RESOURCES

Gas Vouchers Distributed - 45

Stabilization Funds Requests Filled - 13

Value of Stabilization Support - \$15,933

### DISASTER CASE MANAGEMENT

Clients Triageed - 3

Survivors Served - 401 *(726 total to date)*

Cases Closed - 116

Client Referrals Provided - 34

Value of Client Referrals - \$9,493

Clients Approved for Phase 1 Funds - 4

Phase 1 Funds Awarded - \$830

Clients Approved for SHOP Funds - 1

SHOP Funds Awarded - \$3,500

Clients Approved for SUN Funds - 2

SUN Funds Awarded - \$6,138

### CONNECT WITH US

530-283-2735

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

Facebook: @prs.social

Instagram: @plumasruralservices\_inc

Twitter: @PRS\_Inc



## FUNDS DISTRIBUTED as of 7/31/23

SHOP Funds - \$78,955

Phase 1 Funds - \$1,328

Stabilization Funds - \$230,198

Simple Unmet Needs (SUN) Funds - \$55,257



## A BIG THANK YOU TO OUR FUNDERS



**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.

