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## CLIENT SUCCESSES

PRS received a note of thanks from a DCMP client who is receiving assistance with applying to the ReCoverCA SFR grant for their primary residence and their rental property. She appreciated the help with all the paperwork and documentation that the grant requires. A total of 20 community members were supported with this effort at the April intake day, 15 of whom were DCMP clients like this one.

Also in April, 8 DCMP clients received 'Client Stabilization' support to help them towards their recovery goals. These funds helped purchase metal for an awning, pay for a portion of moving costs, cover vehicle repairs, settle a water bill, test the piping for a water system, and purchase some home furnishings. Two clients also came to the Dixie Fire Unmet Needs Funders' Roundtable with larger financial requests for home furnishings, which were awarded.

## COMMUNITY YARD SALE

### *STRIKE GOLD AT THE INDIAN VALLEY YARD SALE*

The Indian Valley Chamber of Commerce invites you to bargain hunt or sell your things at the Indian Valley Yard Sale on Friday, May 17th from 12 - 6 PM, and Saturday, May 18th from 8 AM - 5PM. You can send an email to [Mat.Fogarty@gmail.com](mailto:Mat.Fogarty@gmail.com) to register your sale, get a road sign and have your yard sale listed on the [official map](#) for free.

For those living off the main roads of Indian Valley, you can set up shop at the Crescent Hotel, the Crescent Country Gift Store, or the Mt. Huff Golf Course during the sale. Bring your portable racks, tables and treasures to these three convenient, high-traffic locations.

# THANK YOU FOR 32 YEARS OF SERVICE!



*Michele Lynn Piller*

## HAPPY TRAILS

*MICHELE LYNN PILLER  
RETIRING EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR*

In May, PRS will be celebrating the retirement of Michele Lynn Piller, our Executive Director of 32 years. She came to PRS in 1992, after a career in law. Over her tenure, she has grown and diversified the agency 10-fold, managing to guide the development of programs and services over the years to be responsive to the needs of the many communities we serve.

In addition to holding firm to the flagship services PRS has provided for decades, Michele kept her eyes open to the many and varied opportunities to support community-based projects that could help local residents thrive. She championed causes and the people passionate about them, many times creating space at PRS for them to build and incubate their visions.

While keeping space for a vision of communities thriving around her, Michele also focused agency efforts internally on ensuring that staff were able to prioritize their own lives and families. Multiple generations of children have been raised within PRS, with several now working for the agency as adults after having grown up around the offices.

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While there is no doubt still plenty of her vision for this region that remains to be done, Michele has absolutely left her indelible mark on PRS and the communities it serves. We at PRS are grateful for her decades of dedication and leadership, and we wish her a very happy retirement full of travel and adventure!

## NATURE MADE RETURNS

Back by popular demand, Nature Made will reopen for the summer beginning on Saturday, June 1st, from 10:00 AM – 3:00 PM. Hosted at Wild Plumas (1323 Greenville Wolf Creek Road, Greenville), this event is open and free to all kids. The kids' camp includes a 24-foot rock climbing wall with Paralympian Mark Wellman and a variety of outdoor activity stations, including gold panning, rock painting, zip line, and treehouse!

Complimentary snacks and lunch are provided. Pre-registration is required. You can sign up through the QR code or by visiting the PRS website [here](#). Camp will also be held July 13th and August 10th from 9:00 AM – 2:00 PM. Nature Made is hosted by Plumas Rural Services and Wild Plumas, and it is generously funded by North Valley Community Foundation, Dixie Fire Collaborative and The Almanor Foundation.



# DCMP HAPPENINGS

April was a busy month for the Disaster Case Management Program (DCMP). The DCMP team attended a training session with Housing and Community Development (HCD) ReCoverCA representatives to learn more about the grant application process and eligibility. Disaster Case Managers (DCMs) came equipped with questions from their clients, and the HCD representatives addressed these to the best of their ability.



The ReCoverCA official intake event was held April 11th and was highly successful. DCMs helped clients and walk-ins apply for the grant, sign grant contracts, and submit verified documents that were on hand. In total, 20 community members were served during this event.

The DCMP team traveled to Grass Valley on April 24th to attend the Resilience and Renewal workshop held by the Presbyterian Disaster Assistance team, along with Connecting Point DCMP staff and their DCMs for the River Fire and the 2023 Winter Storms. Staff spent the day talking about self-care and ways to incorporate it into their daily routines and personal time. The group discussed where they were on their own paths and what they're looking forward to before exploring how their own lived experience with disaster affected them immediately after the event. They closed the day with a silent walking meditation where they were invited to return with a 'found object' they could share about.



# COMMUNITY OPEN HOUSE

A monthly community Open House is being held at Ayoob House (adjacent to Plumas Bank in Greenville). This event is hosted by Ken Donnell and Joan Carter on the first Saturday of each month from 3:00 PM until dark. These are family events (no open bar), and everyone in Plumas County is invited to attend. Events always include food, live music, and are open to everyone in the community at no cost.

The featured performer on May 4th is guitarist Michael Herndon. Beginning in May, ice cream will be served from 3:00 - 4:00 PM for the kids (young and old!). The Ayoob House provides a 'food centerpiece' for each event and encourage those attending to bring a vegetable, salad or dessert dish to share.

# DFRC UPDATES

The Dixie Fire Resource Center (DFRC) was awarded a Plumas Children's Council mini-grant to help provide supplies and informational speakers for their new 'Mommy & Me' Playgroup. The Playgroup meets the first Thursday of the month through August 2024. Join us this month on May 2nd from 3:30 - 5:00 PM in the Greenville Elementary Cafeteria; Leslie Wall, PRS's Mindful Living Coordinator, will be speaking about mindfulness in parenting. Snacks are provided, with big thanks to No Child Goes Hungry for providing a grant for healthy snacks.



The DFRC continues to have gently used and new clothing available to anyone in the community in need of them. The Center is seeking donations of fans and window unit air conditioners to support Disaster Case Management Program clients (Dixie Fire survivors) as the weather warms up. Donations may be dropped off at the office in Crescent Mills (15771 Highway 89, Suite B; open Tuesday - Friday, 10 AM - 3 PM) or sent to PO Box 161, Crescent Mills, CA 95947.





## MAY EVENTS

**Thursday, May 2, 3:30 - 5:00 PM**

Mommy & Me Playgroup  
Greenville Elementary Cafeteria, 225 Grand St.

**Saturday, May 4, 9:00 AM - 1:30 PM**

High Sierra Parent Conference ([free registration](#))  
Feather River College, 570 Golden Eagle Ave., Quincy

**Saturday, May 4, 9:00 AM - 2:00 PM**

1st Saturday Market (*weather permitting*)  
Crescent Country, 15771 Hwy 89, Crescent Mills

**Saturday, May 4, 3:00 PM to dark**

Community Open House  
Ayoob House (adjacent to Plumas Bank), Greenville

**Saturday, May 11, 10:00 AM - 3:00 PM**

Plumas Children's Fair & Wildfire Preparedness Fair  
Plumas-Sierra County Fairgrounds, 204 Fairground Rd., Quincy

**Friday, May 17, 12:00 - 6:00 PM &**

**Saturday, May 18, 8:00 AM - 5:00 PM**

Indian Valley Yard Sale  
[Map of homes here](#), or visit the Crescent Hotel,  
Crescent Country Gift Store or Crescent Mills Golf Course (all 3 on Highway 89, Crescent Mills)

**Saturday, May 18, 11:00 AM - 1:00 PM**

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

**Monday, May 27**

MEMORIAL DAY, PRS Offices Closed

**Saturday, June 1, 10:00 AM - 3:00 PM**

Nature Made Kids' Camp  
Wild Plumas, 1323 Greenville Wolf Creek Road  
*pre-registration required - see page 2*

# GRATITUDE ON THE MIND

ADAPTED FROM [CALM.COM](https://www.calm.com)

Practicing gratitude can have significant benefits for your mental health, physical health, relationships with others, and your own sense of value. While there are dozens of different strategies to cultivate gratitude daily, this is the perfect time of year to take a 'gratitude walk'.

Head outside, and as you begin your stroll use your senses to tune in to the world around you. Notice the sounds of birds chirping, the site of new grass poking up, or any other sight, sound, or other sensation around you. A gratitude walk is like a moving meditation, and it can lead you to an improved mood, greater resilience, better sleep, a stronger immune system, stronger bonds with others, and enhanced self-esteem, among other benefits.

[Click here](#) for more suggestions on developing a gratitude practice.

May is the month of expectation, the month of wishes, the month of hope.

- Emily Brontë



May, more than any other month of the year, wants us to feel most alive.

- Fennel Hudson

# APRIL SERVICE STATISTICS

## STABILIZATION RESOURCES

Stabilization Funds Requests Filled - 7  
Value of Stabilization Support - \$10,870

## DISASTER CASE MANAGEMENT

Survivors Served - 119 (717 total to date)  
Cases Closed - 5  
Client Referrals Provided - 24  
Value of Client Referrals - \$2,615,851  
Unmet Needs Applications Funded - 2  
Unmet Needs Funds Awarded - \$7,107

# FUNDS DISTRIBUTED as of 4/30/24

SHOP Funds - \$90,618  
Phase 1 Funds - \$3,540  
Stabilization Funds - \$276,653  
Unmet Needs Funds - \$122,292



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