



## News Release

### **AT&T Provides \$50,000 to Salvation Army Del Oro Division to Aid Communities Impacted by Caldor Wildfire**

*Support to help fire evacuees with needed services*

PLACERVILLE, Calif., Oct. 21, 2021 – The AT&T\* Foundation has presented a grant of \$50,000 to the Salvation Army Del Oro Division to help those impacted by the Caldor Fire rebuild for a better future.

AT&T has directed a total of \$80,000 to support wildfire relief efforts in California this year.

“Community organizations along with our brave first responders made a significant impact by helping our friends, neighbors and families in their time of need,” said Rhonda Johnson, president, AT&T California. “AT&T is committed to helping the communities we serve, and we are proud to support these wildfire relief efforts.”

During the recent Caldor and Dixie wildfires, our team worked to keep our customers and first responders connected, including deploying two FirstNet\*\* satellite COLTs (cells on light trucks), and supported evacuees at community shelters.

“The Caldor Fire has severely impacted communities and caused thousands to evacuate,” said Major John Brackenbury, Divisional Commander, Salvation Army Del Oro Division. “AT&T’s support will empower us to provide direct support for evacuees and our first responders.”

AT&T works in close collaboration with California’s first responders to prepare for disasters and help the network be resilient and operational when disaster strikes. We’re making public safety’s mission a priority with FirstNet, built with AT&T, the only nationwide, high-speed broadband communications platform dedicated to and built specifically for America’s first responders and the extended public safety community. FirstNet stands at the ready to be there to support response and recovery, no matter the disaster or emergency. To learn more about the value FirstNet is bringing to public safety, visit [FirstNet.com](https://www.firstnet.com).

AT&T has a long history of supporting communities before, during and after disasters. The company has invested nearly \$8.5 billion in its wired and wireless networks in California from 2018-2020 and has invested more than \$650 million in its Network Disaster Recovery program (NDR), making it one of the nation’s largest and most advanced programs.

During the Caldor and Dixie Fires this year, AT&T supported customers, providing free talk, text, and data to wireless customers in impacted areas, and provided call and message forwarding for our home and business phone customers.



AT&T is a proud [American Red Cross Disaster Relief](#) partner. Donations enable the Red Cross to prepare for, respond to and help people recover from disasters big and small.

**About Philanthropy & Social Innovation at AT&T**

\*AT&T Inc. is committed to advancing education, strengthening communities and improving lives. Through its community initiatives, AT&T has a long history of investing in projects that create learning opportunities; promote academic and economic achievement; or address community needs. The company's signature philanthropic initiative, AT&T Aspire, drives innovation in education to promote student success in school and beyond. With a financial commitment of \$600 million since 2008, AT&T is leveraging technology, relationships and social innovation to help all students make their biggest dreams a reality.

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