FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE
July 10, 2019

HELP AVAILABLE FOR SURVIVORS OF CALIFORNIA 2018 FIRE DISASTERS

SACRAMENTO – A newly launched assistance program offers help for people who need resources to recover from the wildfire disasters that struck late in 2018 in Butte, Los Angeles and Ventura counties.

The Disaster Case Management Program (DCMP) is working to connect fire survivors with resources to help them recover. Trained case managers can help disaster survivors find assistance with food, clothing, health care, employment and more.

This program is available to those affected by two major wildfires:

- The Camp Fire in Butte County, which began November 8, 2018, caused at least 85 deaths, and burned more than 153,000 acres, including most of the town of Paradise.
- The Woolsey Fire in Los Angeles and Ventura counties, which began the same day, caused three deaths, and burned nearly 97,000 acres.

This program is being operated by local nonprofits through a federal disaster grant, administered by the California Department of Social Services (CDSS), in partnership with the California Governor’s Office of Emergency Services.

“Case managers help fire survivors develop a personalized plan for recovery,” said CDSS Director Kim Johnson. “The goal is to assist survivors to identify what support they need to recover from the wildfire, then link them directly to assistance for their unique situations.”

To request assistance, fire survivors should contact the nonprofit serving their region:

- In Northern California, contact Northern Valley Catholic Social Services of Chico at 1-800-339-8336, or via email at Campfire-casemgt@nvcss.org.
- In Southern California, contact Catholic Charities at 855-562-FIRE (3473).
DCMP case managers can identify resources and assist survivors to access a wide array of services and supports, including but not limited to:

- Behavioral Health Services
- Furniture and Appliances
- Child and Youth Services
- Health Insurance
- Clothing
- Housing
- Durable Medical Equipment
- Legal Referral Services
- Employment
- Senior Services
- Financial Assistance
- Transportation
- Food

The Camp Fire and Woolsey Fire DCMP will be available through November 12, 2020.

For more information about DCMP, please contact the nonprofit serving as provider agency for your area of California:

**Northern California (Camp Fire):**

Northern Valley Catholic Social Service - Chico
10 Independence Circle
Chico, CA 95973
1-800-339-8336
Campfire-casemgt@nvcss.org

**Southern California (Woolsey Fire):**

Catholic Charities
1-855-562-FIRE (3473)

####