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## **NEW RED CROSS EMERGENCY SHELTER LOCATIONS FOR DETWILER FIRE**

**Fresno, Calif., July 18, 2017** — The American Red Cross of the Central Valley now has five shelter locations open for residents impacted by the Detwiler Fire:

1. EV Free Church, 50443 High School Road, Oakhurst, CA
2. Sierra Vista Presbyterian Church, 39696 Hwy 41, Oakhurst, CA
3. Mountain Christian Center, 40299 Hwy 49, Oakhurst, CA 93644
4. Cesar Chavez Junior High, 161 S. Plainsburg, Planada, CA
5. Groveland Community Hall, 18720 Hwy 120, Groveland, CA

Volunteers are on hand at each location to provide lodging, meals, health services, comfort, and more for affected residents. Media may be allowed in the shelters at the discretion of the shelter managers. Please check in at the registration table upon arrival.

“Our volunteers will be working through the night and through the days to come to make sure that every evacuated resident is safe and comfortable,” said Red Cross Executive Director Barry Falke, “We’ll be in this community providing relief for as long as there is a need.”

The Red Cross urges everyone to follow evacuation orders from local law enforcement and have an emergency kit ready go for any disaster including wildfires. Visit <http://www.redcross.org/prepare/disaster/wildfire> to learn more.

Visit [redcross.org/safeandwell](http://redcross.org/safeandwell) to reconnect with loved ones that might be missing during a disaster. The Safe and Well website is an easy-to-use online tool to help families and individuals notify loved ones that they are safe during an emergency.

### **HOW TO HELP**

You can help people affected by disasters like California Wildfires and countless other crises by making a donation to support Red Cross Disaster Relief. Your gift enables the Red Cross to prepare for, respond to, and help people recover from disasters big and small. Call, click, or text to give: visit [redcross.org](http://redcross.org), call 1-800 RED CROSS or text the word REDCROSS to 90999 to make a \$10 donation.

“We are overwhelmed with the generosity of the community, and so grateful for their support,” said Falke, “At this time, financial donations are best and quickest way to support Red Cross Disaster Relief.”

### **HOW TO VOLUNTEER**

Trained Red Cross volunteers are currently staffing shelters and supporting residents. As the disaster continues to evolve, the Red Cross will assess how community volunteers can best support the operation. Learn more about becoming a Red Cross volunteer or sign up today [redcross.org/volunteer](http://redcross.org/volunteer).

### **LEARN MORE**

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#### **About the American Red Cross Central California Region**

The American Red Cross shelters, feeds and provides emotional support to victims of disasters; teaches lifesaving skills; provides international humanitarian aid; and supports military members and their families. The Red Cross is a charitable organization — not a government agency — and depends on volunteers and the generosity of the American public to perform its mission. The American Red Cross Central California Region provides services to the ten counties across Central California that is home to more than 4 million people. For more information, please visit [www.redcross.org](http://www.redcross.org).