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United Way to Support Trinity County Fire Relief

Grant to Human Response Network Will Help Survivors, Evacuees

REDDING, CA (August 18, 2018) — United Way of Northern California (UWNC) will partner with Weaverville-based Human Response Network (HRN) to provide compensation and services to those who suffered losses from the Carr Fire in Trinity County, the agencies announced today.

UWNC, in collaboration with Tri Counties Bank, will make a \$17,000 donation to Human Response Network, which will provide cash gift cards to households located in the Lewiston and Douglas City areas who incurred expenses as a result of compliance with a mandatory evacuation order. "Some houses were evacuated for up to two weeks," said Caedy Minoletti, executive director of HRN. "Many evacuees experienced loss of wages and costs associated with being displaced including motel stays, fuel and food."

HRN will also offer financial compensation and case management services to those who suffered complete loss of their residences, Minoletti said. Applicants will be asked to describe their losses and verify residence.

Larry Olmstead, president & CEO of UWNC, said: "Trinity County residents have faced hardship the past few weeks, not only from the impact of the fire, but from the traffic disruption along State Route 299, the principal east-west artery. United Way, with support of Tri Counties Bank, wants to do its part to help residents through this period. We are especially pleased to collaborate with Human Response Network, which helps Trinity residents each day with a wide array of social services."

Applications are available at HRN's offices, 111 Mountain View St. in Weaverville, CA, and online at www.humanresponsenetwork.org. Completed applications may be returned to Human Response Network, P.O. Box 2370, Weaverville, CA 96093; inperson at Human Response Network, or by emailing hrn@hrntrinity.org. All applications must be received by Friday, September 7, 2018.

United Way, partnering with Tri Counties Bank, established the Shasta County Fire Relief Fund to aid victims of the Carr Fire, which started July 23. The fire has burned more than 229,000 acres, destroyed 1.079 homes and resulted in eight fatalities. To

date, UWNC has processed 323 checks totaling more than \$231,000 for those suffering losses.

"We have at least 400 more applications in hand, and more come in each day," Olmstead said. "Donations are still needed." Those wishing to donate to the fund can visit www.norcalunitedway.org or text CARRFIRE to 91999.

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About United Way of Northern California:

United Way of Northern California (UWNC) was established in Redding in 1953 and serves nine counties: Butte, Glenn, Lassen, Modoc, Plumas, Shasta, Siskiyou, Tehama and Trinity. Its mission is to fight for the education, income and health of all residents in the community. UWNC raises funds for non-profit agencies and operates two 24/7 human services helplines: 2-1-1 Shasta and 2-1-1 Tehama, collectively known as 2-1-1 NorCal. For more information about United Way of Northern California visit www.norcalunitedway.org.

About Human Response Network:

Established in 1980 by women determined to provide needed resources to Trinity County families, the Human Response Network has grown to a large staff of professionals and volunteers, expanding its role to include a wide range of resources, as well as children, family and victim services. Human Response Network is a 501©3 non-profit agency that relies on public support and a volunteer Board of Directors in order to provide meaningful community programs. Visit www.humanresponsenetwork.org to learn more.

About Tri Counties Bank:

Established in 1975, Tri Counties Bank is a wholly-owned subsidiary of TriCo Bancshares (NASDAQ: TCBK) headquartered in Chico, California, providing a unique brand of customer service with solutions available in traditional stand-alone and in-store bank branches in communities throughout Northern and Central California. Tri Counties Bank provides an extensive and competitive breadth of consumer, small business and commercial banking financial services, along with convenient around-the-clock ATM, online and mobile banking access. Brokerage services are provided by the Bank's investment services through affiliation with Raymond James Financial Services, Inc. Visit www.TriCountiesBank.com to learn more.

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