

# Sunnyvale Department of Public Safety



## PRESS RELEASE

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### Donations for Victims of Twin Pines Manor Apartment Fire

SUNNYVALE, Calif. - On Friday, April 15 at 12:54 pm, Sunnyvale Department of Public Safety (DPS) fire apparatus and patrol units responded to the Twin Pines Manor Apartments located at 1066 Sunnyvale-Saratoga Road on the report of smoke coming from the building. Firefighters encountered heavy smoke and heat in the hallways and a partial roof collapse. Public safety personnel rescued numerous tenants from their balconies and extinguished the fire approximately an hour and a half after the arrival of the first fire apparatus. Two female tenants were injured; one suffered burns and the other smoke inhalation. Both were transported to local hospitals. The cause of the fire is still under investigation. While the fire damage was contained to primarily four apartment units, the extensive smoke, heat and water damage made the entire 81-unit complex uninhabitable for all 110 residents.

Given the scale of the emergency, the City opened the Senior Center as an emergency shelter for the American Red Cross to provide services to the victims. Approximately fifty-three displaced residents spent Friday night at the Center and ninety-six received services on Saturday. The City, VTA and volunteers from Sunnyvale Neighborhoods Actively Prepare (SNAP) are coordinating a shuttle service throughout the weekend for residents to return to their apartments to gather essential belongings. The City is also coordinating with Santa Clara County and other local agencies to provide additional assistance for displaced residents. The City currently plans to continue operating the Senior Center as a shelter until Tuesday morning.

Several options are available for community members wishing to make donations to support the families displaced by the fire:

Sunnyvale Community Services - Sunnyvale's non-profit emergency assistance agency is accepting donations of food, new clothing and gift cards at 725 Kifer Road, Sunnyvale. They can also accept financial donations specifically for these families.

GoFundMe campaign - Donate online to Fire Victims: Twin Pines Manor Apts at <https://www.gofundme.com/2hzhv4kk>

Cash donations received through this campaign will be administered by the City of

Sunnyvale and dispersed directly to the families through Sunnyvale Community Services.

American Red Cross - These donations will support the emergency services provided by the American Red Cross for temporary housing and personal needs. Donate online at [RedCross.org](https://www.redcross.org); Select Donate Funds - Disaster Relief - Dedicate the gift in honor of "Twin Pines Manor Apartments Sunnyvale"

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