



## Thomas Fire Incident Information Santa Barbara County [www.CountyofSB.org](http://www.CountyofSB.org)

### THOMAS FIRE: LOOKING FOR A WAY TO HELP? HERE ARE SOME OF THE WAYS YOU CAN DONATE

*Editor's note: Updated Unity Shoppe address below*

**(SANTA BARBARA, Calif.)** – United Way of Santa Barbara County has joined forces with United Way of Ventura County to directly support those individuals and families affected by the Thomas Fire. Nonperishable food, **new** clothing, toiletries and monetary donations are being accepted at the agencies listed below. Used clothing, bedding and toys are **not** being accepted.

**United Way of Santa Barbara County:** Monetary donations are accepted at [www.unitedwaythomasfirefund.org](http://www.unitedwaythomasfirefund.org) or text "UWVC" to 41444.

**American Red Cross:** Monetary donations are accepted at [www.redcross.org](http://www.redcross.org) or by texting "redcross" to 90999.

**Foodbank Santa Barbara County:** Nonperishable foods and fresh produce are accepted at:

- 4554 Hollister Ave., Santa Barbara, CA 93110
- 1525 State St., Santa Barbara, CA 93110
- 490 W. Foster Rd., Santa Maria, CA 93455

**Salvation Army:** Unopened and canned food and monetary donations are accepted at 423 Chapala St., Santa Barbara, CA 93101.



**Unity Shoppe:** New clothing, shoes, blankets, toiletries and monetary donations are accepted at 1401 Chapala St., Santa Barbara, CA 93101.

The firefighters greatly appreciate that the community wants to make donations of food, clothing, and money, but they want the community to know that they are adequately taken care of and ask that you donate to disaster relief organizations such as the American Red Cross, local food bank, etc. United Way of Santa Barbara County is also a lead agency for the region accepting cash donations.

The United Way has assured that 100% of proceeds to the Thomas Fire Fund go directly to a strategic partnership that will be vital in helping the community recover. Recipients include the residents of the homes and apartment buildings that are destroyed by the fire and the people who are being temporarily housed at local shelters.

If you are wanting to financially support the incident, please be advised that individuals often take advantage of the situation by setting up false GoFundMe websites and other types of fundraising accounts that are not legitimate. If you are interested in donating to help in an incident, call and verify that the beneficiary is authentic.

### **Emergency Alert System:**

It is critical that people in Santa Barbara County register to receive emergency alerts. Sign up at [www.AwareAndPrepare.org](http://www.AwareAndPrepare.org). If we can't reach you, we can't alert you.

### **Stay Connected:**

For ongoing updates, go to [www.CountyofSB.org](http://www.CountyofSB.org), follow @countyofsb on [Twitter](#) and [Facebook](#), or call 2-1-1 from 805 area code or 800-400-1572 outside of 805, or text your zip code to 898-211.

### **sistema de Alerta de Emergencia:**

Es muy importante que las personas en el Condado de Santa Bárbara se registren para recibir alertas de emergencias. Inscríbete a [www.AwareAndPrepare.org](http://www.AwareAndPrepare.org), si no podemos localizarte, no podemos alertarte.

### **Permanece Conectado:**

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