

Since my last article, we have witnessed fires that devastated many California communities. This means your help is needed more than ever. They cannot do this without your help. Just imagine evacuating your home with your family, pets and the clothes on your back, and watching the news to see if you still had a home to go back to.

At our last AEF zoom meeting, we were informed that \$219,000 has already been awarded for disaster and financial aid, which far surpasses the total of last year.

This benefit is open to all Auxiliary members in good standing. If you are aware of a member needing assistance, please make them aware of this program. Dean Sanders, ALA Development Manager, has issued a challenge to all units to give \$100 over what they gave last year. I am aware that this may be difficult for smaller units, but whatever you can give is more than they had. Bake sales, collecting change at meetings, auctions, and other types of fundraising are just some ideas to help raise funds for the Auxiliary Emergency Fund.

I had wristbands made with "Auxiliary Emergency Fund" along with the slogan "members helping members" on them. I am selling them for \$3.00 each and I hope to raise \$1,000. Think creatively. You can do this!

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