



# 2017 British Columbia Fires

## ONE MONTH DONOR UPDATE

Hot, dry weather and high winds has made 2017 one of the worst summers on record for forest fires in the interior of British Columbia. Since the first evacuation order was issued on July 7<sup>th</sup>, over 50,000 people have registered for assistance from the Red Cross. And thanks to donors like you, they are getting the help they need.

Across the province, Red Cross teams have been working to help evacuees by supporting reception centres and group lodging sites with personnel, cots, blankets, shelter supplies, and emotional support. For families who have been able to return home, the Red Cross is also providing clean-up supplies and ongoing assistance to help meet additional needs.

But with hundreds of wildfires still burning, we know that help will be needed in the weeks and months ahead. Your support means the Red Cross *can* and *will* be there for each and every person impacted by these fires.

Like we did for those devastated by the wildfire in Alberta last year, we will continue to stand behind British Columbians during this incredibly stressful and uncertain time. Thank you for your compassion and generosity.



***"I'm grateful for all the help that's here,"*** said Catrina Biggar, who evacuated from Williams Lake with her seven-year-old daughter, 11-year-old son, her mom, family friends, two dogs and two cats.

# How your donation is helping

**EVERETT LIGHTFOOT** (right) picks up home cleaning supplies from the Red Cross. Everett and his wife Diane, who own a ranch, lost some equipment in the fires but fortunately their main home was spared.

The couple had to evacuate for more than two weeks with only a 10-minute warning. Now back home in the community of 103 Mile House, they are grateful for support they received during their difficult time away.



## RED CROSS RESPONSE



**39** relief centres supported by the Red Cross to provide shelter, registration, family reunification and financial assistance, including temporary lodging sites in Kamloops and Prince George and reception centres in Ashcroft, Barriere, Chilliwack, Clearwater, Kamloops, Prince George, Surrey, Tk'emlúps and Vernon.



**25,500+** households registered with the Red Cross to receive help



**11,700+** comfort kits for evacuated people



**1,530+** cots and **3,225+** blankets supplied to lodging sites



**3,015+** impacted people provided one-on-one emotional support



**22,806+** home clean-up kits to help families return



**145+** Red Cross volunteers and staff helping across British Columbia

Thank you for showing care and generosity to British Columbians who need our support. You are making an incredible difference in their lives during this challenging time.