



## UndocuFund for Fire Relief in Sonoma County

### Our Impact in 2017

**“My family and I have been having a very difficult time. In the name of my baby, my husband Salvador and myself, we give enormous thanks for this support.”**

—Carolina,  
UndocuFund  
recipient

**“My mom wrote this check for me from the money me and my friend raised through a bake sale and saving up allowance. I hope it will help people in Sonoma county.”**

—Anabel, age 7,  
UndocuFund  
donor

[UndocuFund.org](http://UndocuFund.org)

Launched by a trusted group of community organizations, the UndocuFund for Fire Relief in Sonoma County seeks to ensure that undocumented immigrants impacted by the fires—from those who lost wages and jobs to those who lost everything—receive assistance in getting back on their feet. These immigrants are ineligible for FEMA aid, and they face many barriers to accessing other forms of assistance.



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With generous support from more than 7,500 individual donors and from dozens of fundraisers, the UndocuFund provided direct assistance to nearly 1,000 families in 2017. Nearly 4,000 people, half of whom were children, have benefitted from the Fund’s assistance to date.

Although the fires have long fallen from the headlines, immigrant families in our community continue to struggle. Many are searching for housing in one of the top-10 least-affordable places to live in the country, where an average worker must pay 82 percent of their pay to afford a median-priced home—and that was before Santa Rosa lost 5 percent of its housing stock. Many of Sonoma County’s key industries—tourism, wine, dining—have also been impacted, resulting in fewer employment opportunities for immigrant workers. Their children form the county’s next generation—41 percent of Sonoma County children have immigrant parents—but it is unclear whether they will be able to stay until they come of age.

Full recovery will take years, yet studies show 73 percent of philanthropic giving for disasters goes to immediate response and relief. These are the challenges we face. Through this fund, we hope to not only help individual families rebuild their lives, but to advance long-term equity for immigrant communities. With your continued support, we will continue this journey in 2018.

### 2017 by the Numbers

#### We Supported

**971**

Households

**3,801**

Total Beneficiaries

**1,824**

Beneficiaries  
Who Are Children

#### What Recipients Lost

**81%**

Lost Wages

**27%**

Lost Jobs

**10%\***

Lost Homes

#### What They Received

**\$2,385,800**

Total Aid

**\$2,457**

Average Aid Per Household

#### Who Supported UndocuFund

**7,500+**  
Donors

**29**

Foundations

**113**

Volunteers

**52**

Fundraisers

### 2018 Preview

**300+**

Households Already  
Waitlisted for Screening

**\$2.5 million**

Needs to Be Raised