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Sisters and Brothers,

The TCRC reaches out today with a heartfelt appeal for support in response to the devastating wildfires that have recently swept through the area of Jasper, AB. Last week uncontrolled wildfires wrought unimaginable damage to the townsite, leaving many families displaced, homes destroyed, and vital resources depleted. In the face of this crisis the affected community needs help now more than ever.

In light of these urgent needs the TCRC National Office has been in contact with Jasper Division 898 in order to properly identify the most efficient manner to direct resources. On their recommendation it has been determined that Jasper Community Teams Society (<a href="www.jaspercommunityteamsociety.ca">www.jaspercommunityteamsociety.ca</a>) will effectively meet this requirement.

Jasper Community Teams Society has been a trusted volunteer-based community source for Jasper since 2004, aiding the community in a variety of ways including local food bank support, mental health services, prescription drug costs and much more. They have set up the <u>Jasper Fire Caring Community Fund</u> that will help the Jasper community in need, working with the municipality of Jasper's community outreach program. They will direct funds to address the ever-changing needs as the community heals and rebuilds.

TCRC Division 898 has previously worked with Jasper Community Teams Society through their Common Connections initiative. This group has earned their trust and respect to undertake such an important project.

The TCRC National Office is donating \$10,000.00 and will monitor requirements going forward to ensure Jasper gets the help it needs. Individual donations can be made through the above link, the "Donate" button is clearly identified. We strongly suggest TCRC Divisions, General Committees and Provincial Legislative Boards contribute through this channel as well to show our organization's solidarity and caring during this terrible time.



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Thank you for considering this urgent appeal. Your support will bring hope and relief to those facing this difficult time and help pave the way for a stronger, more resilient community.

In solidarity,

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