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The North Valley Community Foundation is getting some high-profile hometown help in its Park Fire relief efforts – from star NFL quarterback and Chico native Aaron Rodgers.

Rodgers, a frequent partner in philanthropy with NVCF, has donated \$50,000 to NVCF's Wildfire Relief and Recovery Fund.

"We are so grateful for Aaron's love and care for his hometown and all of the North Valley," said Alexa Benson-Valavanis, NVCF president and CEO. "Whether it's the Camp Fire, a global pandemic or this fire, Aaron is quick to ask how he can help people here. He knows how important it is to help the helpers with resources, so they can support fire victims."

The arson fire, which was started in Chico's Bidwell Park on July 24, is already the fifth largest wildfire by acreage in California history. The two largest single-source wildfires in state history – the Dixie and Park fires – both started in Butte County, as did the costliest and deadliest wildfire in California history, the Camp Fire.

Individuals and businesses can contribute to NVCF's Park Fire response by donating to our Wildfire Relief and Recovery Fund at <u>nvcf.org/wildfire</u>. NVCF has awarded 10 grants totaling \$87,500 so far for Park Fire relief from the fund.

In addition to eight grants announced Monday, NVCF announced two more grants today:

- \$10,000 to the Episcopal Diocese of Northern California, which is distributing gift cards to evacuees at St. John's Episcopal Church in Chico and St. Peter's Church in Red Bluff, as well as providing emotional care to evacuees in the parking lot at Neighborhood Church in Chico.
- \$2,500 to the Chico Food Locker, run by the Catholic Ladies Relief Society, which has seen an increase in activity since the fire started. It was matched by a \$2,500 grant from the Chico Food Project, a fund at NVCF.