



St. Vincent de Paul Sonoma County Disaster Services

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Home in a Box

BACKGROUND: Home in a Box is a program run by the Society of St. Vincent de Paul Sonoma County for low-income individuals and families who lost their home in the late 2017 Northern California wildfires. This program is dedicated to replacing such household's furniture and goods.

Losing your home is a devastating event. Furthermore, large quantities of low-income households do not hold home or renters insurance. In the case of Coffey Park, **40%** of the households that burned were rentals, and of the renters in Coffey park, **60%** did not have renter's insurance. For such families and individuals, St. Vincent de Paul's Home in a Box program is an enormous relief.



Since January 15th, St. Vincent de Paul's Sonoma disaster relief efforts have provided Home in a Box services to **11** households in Sonoma County; with at least **4** more households to be provided to within the next week.

Out of the **11** households being provided Home in a Box services, **6** are **Hispanic**, **4** households are **Seniors**. There are **4** single-parent households in this group. In total there are **11 Female** applicants, **7 Male**, and **15 Children**.

In total, as of to-date, Home in a Box has delivered goods to close to **20** households in Sonoma County. Furthermore, we have approximately **20** more households on our waiting list to be served.

We still have a growing number of eligible applicants. As displaced families and individuals locate new homes, St. Vincent de Paul Sonoma County will continue to serve Home in a Box services to this growing number. FEMA's support has, as of February 15th, fully been cut off. We foresee more and more applicants requesting our services due to this. Furthermore, we are working in partnership with Burbank housing, who have notified us that they have 35 eligible applicants, most of who were previously residents of Journey's End, ready to receive our Home in a Box services.

*A full Home in a Box package includes major household furniture including a Sofa, Dining Table and Chairs, Beds, and Bedroom Dressers. Home in a Box also provides full kitchenware necessities from plates, pots, pans, dishware, and much more.