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**L**etter carriers deliver to every community in the country and are often among the first to see how natural disasters can strike anywhere and affect anyone. NALC was founded on the idea that letter carriers shouldn't have to go it alone, so NALC branches and members remain determined to provide aid to members who are affected by these disasters.

To give branches and individual members a mechanism to send cash donations, supplies, uniforms and other assistance to members affected by natural disasters, the union created the NALC Disaster Relief Foundation (NDRF). The Foundation is structured so that when a natural disaster occurs, an assessment can be made quickly and then followed up with much-needed relief for the affected members.

NALC President Fredric Rolando announced the formation of the NDRF at the 2018 national convention. "The NALC Disaster Relief Foundation reflects the will of the members, who have asked for a way to help their fellow sisters and brothers quickly and efficiently," he said.

Since then, hundreds of individual donors, branches and state associations have pitched in to help the Foundation build its capacity to assist regular NALC members in need.

On the following pages are the hundreds of donors who have pitched in since we last ran the list of contributors in the December 2020 edition of *The Postal Record*.

"We thank these supporters, and we know there will be more to follow because letter carriers always look out for each other," Rolando said.

NALC Assistant to the President for Community Services Christina Vela Davidson urged letter carriers to consider supporting the Foundation this December, in the spirit of the season. "Please find it in your heart to help your sisters and brothers who have been affected by a natural disaster,"

she said. "You never know when it might be you who needs some help."

Donations should be sent to NALC Disaster Relief Foundation, 100 Indiana Ave. NW, Washington, DC 20001-2144. The Foundation is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization, and your contribution may be tax deductible. It is recommended that you seek advice from your tax advisor.

All donations from letter carriers, branches and state associations go directly to NALC members who need assistance—no administrative costs are deducted. Any NALC member who has faced hardship as a result of a natural disaster or wildfire can apply for assistance by completing the Application for Relief Grant, available on the Foundation's web page at [nalc.org/disaster](http://nalc.org/disaster). The eligibility requirements are outlined in the application. The Foundation's board of directors will consider the applications and will issue grants on an objective basis to eligible individuals as funds are available. Members do not have to wait for emergency relief or insurance claims to be settled to apply for aid. Applications must be received no later than 120 days after the date when the natural disaster occurred, unless the applicant can provide sufficient reasons for the delay.

"Thanks again to those who have donated," Davidson said. "It has helped our members who have received assistance get back on their feet."

"The generosity of letter carriers never ceases to amaze me," President Rolando said. "The Disaster Relief Foundation is an invaluable lifeline for our sisters and brothers in need, in the true spirit of solidarity."

"The NALC Disaster Relief Foundation is continuing to grow, thanks to its generous supporters," Rolando added. "We have been hard at work providing assistance and support to NALC members struck by disaster. Not only does the Foundation help these letter carriers, it shows them that they aren't alone in their struggles. Let's continue to be there for our sisters and brothers in need." **PR**

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