



We Rise Again Fund to Support those Impacted by Wildfires with Rebuilding and Mental Health Supports

Donations will support Shelburne County, Hammonds Plains/Tantallon and other acutely impacted communities.

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HALIFAX, NS – As Nova Scotians continue to deal with wildfires, evacuation orders and the aftermath of those wildfires now under control, the [We Rise Again Fund](#) has been set up to help communities rebuild from the devastation, including mental health supports.

Established with a \$100,000 donation from an anonymous donor, the [We Rise Again Fund](#) is facilitated by the Community Foundation of Nova Scotia, in partnership with Rural Communities Foundation of Nova Scotia and Ulnooweg Indigenous Communities Foundation. It is intended to help with long-term recovery efforts, be it mental health services, infrastructure, climate adaption efforts or other needs as identified by impacted communities when they are ready for rebuilding.

“As governments and agencies come together to help with immediate needs, we recognize the destruction caused by such wildfires can have an enduring impact on people and communities. With thanks to a generous and caring donor, the [We Rise Again Fund](#) will support a broad range of rebuilding and resiliency efforts for those most acutely impacted,” said Daniel Holland, CEO, Community Foundation of Nova Scotia. “As individuals and guardians of our communities, we all play a role in helping our neighbours and neighbourhoods rise again.”

We know many people may wish to help at this time. Donations can be made online at [We Rise Again Fund](#), to the area of your choice: Shelburne County, Hammonds Plains/Tantallon or province wide.



All funds will support rebuilding and mental resiliency efforts in the months to come, giving impacted communities the time and flexibility to identify what they need most. Local citizens will determine the granting priorities for their community.

We are working in partnership with other organizations to help respond to many individual and community needs. While our efforts are focused on rebuilding and resiliency, the Canadian Red Cross is assisting with immediate and ongoing relief, and the United Way is focusing on recovery and restoration. Together, we are working to support our community when it is needed most, both now and in the months to come.

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About Community Foundation of Nova Scotia

The [Community Foundation of Nova Scotia \(CFNS\)](#) is a charitable giving facilitator. Our purpose is to inspire giving and steward funds to help build Nova Scotia communities of respect, belonging and possibility. We help donors make sustainable philanthropic impact on causes they care about at the grassroots level. We do this by endowing funds for donors, managing donation programs and convening conversations that make a positive difference in our communities.

Established in 2008, CFNS has more than \$20 million in philanthropic investment under management, including 120 funds and 22 scholarship and award funds. We're part of Community Foundations of Canada (CFC), the national network for Canada's 200 community foundations that reaches 90 percent of the country's communities.

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