



Wildfires in Maui

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Dear GCCCD Community,

We are heartbroken over the devastating wildfires that ravaged Maui last week. Sadly, the fires have turned out to be the deadliest in more than a century in our country. We know the recovery process is going to be long and difficult.

As we think of the countless people affected, including some of our students and employees who have loved ones in Hawaii, many of us may want to help. Below are some relief organizations accepting donations during this difficult time.

Relief Organizations Assisting Those Affected in Hawaii

- [Hawai'i Community Foundation](#) – is collecting donations for the Maui Strong Fund, to provide resources with a focus on disaster response and recovery.
- [American Red Cross of Hawaii](#) – is accepting donations to help those displaced by the wildfire, including locating shelters, where they can get information, food, and other support.
- [Feeding America](#) – is working with partners on the ground in Hawaii to support recovery. Feeding America provides meals to children, seniors, families and survivors of natural disasters.
- [Maui Food Bank](#) – is using donations to provide food and other essential supplies for displaced residents.
- [Maui Humane Society](#) – is accepting donations to feed and provide medical care for displaced pets. The organization protects and saves the lives of Maui's animals.

As the severity of the disaster in Hawaii continues to unfold, please keep those affected in your thoughts. Take care of yourselves, your families and each other.

Sincerely,

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