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Hello Friends and Fellow Board Members

We went live with the application Wednesday afternoon and they are coming in at a steady pace—18 so far. The need is compelling.

We are supporting students and employees who have experienced a verifiable financial loss due to the fires. Specifically, once verified by VC Foundation staff and reviewed by our application review committee, a \$250 grant will be given to those who lost their rental home/apartment or lost income due to the fire. We will distribute funds until they run out. Preference will be given to students first, classified and part-time staff next.

Thank you so so much to those of you have donated already. Please share the attached flyer with anyone and everyone that may want to help. Below is a sample essay of the kinds of emergency requests that we are receiving:

“My Name is Maria. I am a current student at VC. I am also a part time student worker. I work for the VC tutoring center as a front desk student assistant. Due to the Thomas Fire I am struggling financially. I am a participant in the VC Cal Works program and I am a single mother of 3 children who are all under the age of 12. They are very much dependent on me. I am already considered low income but my part time job on campus allows me to put school as a priority after my children. I am fortunate enough to receive financial assistance through Cal Works and it enables me to make ends meet. It is very unfortunate that that we all are having to experience such a catastrophic disaster. I have lost about 2 weeks of pay due to this natural disaster and it is taking a toll on my family. I am in need of this grant to make up for the pay that is lost due to the campus being closed.”

Again, three ways to support the VC Emergency Fire Fund other than sending a check to VCF:

- 1. Online:** Donations can be made online [here](#) or by visiting www.VCGiving.org
- 2. Text-To-Give:** Donations can also be made by texting: **VCFire** to: **41444** on your mobile phone
- 3. Phone:** If you would like to make a donation by phone, please call the office at **805-289-6160** between 9 a.m. - 5 p.m.

Please feel free to contact me with questions. We continue to send out good thoughts to all of you who have been directly affected by the fire and stand ready to help you.

Thank you,
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