

Support for Sun Prairie Residents and Businesses affected by the events of July 10th.

Sun Prairie, WI - Sunshine Place, as the community resource center of Sun Prairie, is thankful for the assistance from the community. Our joint efforts are providing the much needed assistance to our displaced families.

As of Friday, July 13, 2018, Sunshine Place met with 22 displaced families. We have learned that our number one priority with our displaced families is housing. Without housing, they are unable to receive any of the other resources due to lack of their own personal space. For now, all families have been temporarily housed.

We believe there are as many as 51 displaced families, but we have not been able to contact all of them. As we continue to work directly with city officials and landlords, we hope to meet with all displaced residents. Anyone who is currently displaced due to the incident and in need of assistance should contact Joanna Cervantes, Sunshine Place Executive Director at (608)514-6210.

Families are asked to complete an intake form and specify their housing needs. We have bilingual caseworkers on standby ready to help these families. Please keep in mind that there is a verification process with all families applying for assistance. This ensures that only those who are currently displaced due to their loss of housing receive the immediate assistance. Both resource and financial assistance are available to these families. The financial assistance is made possible through the contributions to the Sun Prairie Disaster Relief Fund located in both the Bank of Sun Prairie and Summit Credit Union. 100% of these funds will be given back to the affected community to help families and businesses.

At the moment, the preferred method of support is financial donations. This allows our organization to provide assistance with security deposit and first month's rent. In addition, financial donations allow us to tailor our efforts to the specific needs of each family. In time, we will need to replenish the resources used for this effort and your financial contributions allow us to do so.

Our programs have prepared for an emergency of this magnitude by having an additional reserve of emergency supplies such as food, clothing, and basic necessities. Until our families are able to find stable housing, they are unable to take their supply of resources. As such, we kindly ask our community to hold any items they want to donate until these items are needed. The Sunshine Place stands ready to help these individuals and others in our community for the long term.

Donations can be made to Sunshine Place or the Bank of Sun Prairie.