



PRESS RELEASE

Statement from YMCA of Metropolitan Los Angeles and YMCA of the Foothills on the Eaton Fire:

YMCA Centers in Immediate Vicinity of Eaton Fire Offer Support

As the Eaton Fire remains uncontained, and tens of thousands are displaced, the YMCA of Metropolitan Los Angeles and the YMCA of the Foothills are collaborating to reach and support as many people impacted as possible.

"The YMCA of Metropolitan Los Angeles is proud to partner with the YMCA of the Foothills and support those impacted by the fires that have ravaged our region. All our Y's have converted to serve our communities and be here as Centers for Community Well-Being - providing free childcare, mental health support, and support as basic as a shower," states YMCA of Metropolitan Los Angeles President and Chief Executive Officer Victor Dominguez. "With nearly 142 years in Los Angeles, the LA Y is here to serve and partner to rebuild, recover, and restore."

"We are blessed to partner in this response effort to the Eaton Fire with our friends and neighbors at the YMCA of Metropolitan Los Angeles," states YMCA of the Foothills Chief Executive Officer Vince Iuculano. "We have pledged our support and partnership in any way that is needed to help the Y members of both our associations in the foothill region to recover and rebuild. I want to thank President/CEO Victor Dominguez for his leadership and friendship during this time, together we will help to lift up our shared communities in their time of need".

The Burbank, Pasadena Sierra-Madre, South Pasadena San Marino, and Santa Anita YMCA's, as well as all operating Y Centers across the Los Angeles region, are providing the following no-cost services and supports.

Immediate Support Offerings:

- **Free child care for children of first responders, essential workers and families who have been displaced, evacuated or who have otherwise experienced loss.**
 - Children must be at least 4 years and 9 months old to attend the program and must be in grades TK-8th. We have limited spaces available, contact afterschool@ymcala.org for more information.
- ALL YMCA centers into temporary relief sites, offering water, food, showers, clothes, sleeping gear, and basic amenities
- Free access to all YMCA amenities are available for displaced residents

- Free mental health support through our existing counseling programs
- Our parking lots can serve as staging areas for emergency vehicles and safe spaces for community members to park
- Our gym spaces will serve as donation sorting/storage areas

Community Services

- We will provide free access to YMCA amenities to displaced residents
- We will offer mental health support through our existing counseling programs

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- ALL non-affected locations are opening their doors with free day passes
- We are creating welcoming spaces for:
 - Families needing a safe haven
 - Community members seeking connection
 - Those requiring basic necessities (charging phones, fresh water, etc.)
 - Anyone needing mental health support or resource guidance
- Our licensed social workers are ready to provide immediate support to youth and families and help connect them to resources

All those impacted by the crisis are encouraged to take advantage of the Y's no-cost resources.

Those inquiring about utilizing YMCA of the Foothills should contact Vice President of Operations Adam Franko: afranko@ymcafoothills.org