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## How you can help Butte County Residents – Camp Fire

November 10, 2018 – Caring Choices has been activated by the Butte County Office of Emergency Services as an Emergency Volunteer Center in response to the Camp Fire. Please help us manage the influx of community members who want to help by including this information in your Camp Fire news coverage.

The response we've received from the community has been overwhelming, and we are so grateful for this community support. To those wanting to volunteer please do not come to the Chico Caring Choices office. If you are able, please send in monetary donations. Here are some reputable agencies to donate to:

- Caring Choices: http://www.caring-choices.org/wild-fire-donations.html
- Northern Valley Community Foundation: https://www.nvcf.org/fund/norcal-fire-relief-fund/
- American Red Cross: <a href="https://www.redcross.org/about-us/news-and-events/news/2018/california-wildfires-red-cross-helps-as-thousands-evacuate.html">https://www.redcross.org/about-us/news-and-events/news/2018/california-wildfires-red-cross-helps-as-thousands-evacuate.html</a>

Volunteers will be needed throughout the disaster response and recovery efforts. If you would like to volunteer please go to <a href="www.caring-choices.org">www.caring-choices.org</a> to complete our application process and wait for direction. The application is three pages (the third page is to be left blank and completed by a notary). By having your application notarized you will be covered under the State's workers comp insurance. Notarized applications are required. If you have a professional license or certification, please include those license numbers in your application.

Caring Choices is also in need of N95 respirator masks to provide volunteers upon deployment. You can mail in new masks to: 1398 Ridgewood Dr, Chico, CA 95973.

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