

More donations needed for evacuees

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The Edmonton Emergency Relief Services Society (EERSS) thanks Edmontonians for stepping up and supporting their fellow Albertans, but is in desperate need of more donations for evacuees.



"We have received an overwhelming amount of donations. Since day one, the items have been coming in, but now that we know what evacuees really need, we have specific donation requirements," says Nicole Geoffroy, Spokesperson for Edmonton Emergency Relief Services Society.

To date, EERSS has served nearly 14,000 evacuees, and urgently requires more donations including the following new items:

Priority items needed:

- Laundry detergent
- Ready-to-use baby formula
- Undergarments (all sizes, all sexes)
- Plus sized clothing (all sexes)
- Towels

Donation drop-off locations:

- 9727-47 Avenue
 - Monday to Friday, 9 a.m. to 7 p.m.
 - Saturday and Sunday, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.
- 3631-56 Avenue East (Hangar at Edmonton International Airport)
 - Monday to Friday, 9 a.m. to 10 p.m.
 - Saturday to Sunday, 9 a.m. to 7 p.m.

NO USED DONATIONS CAN BE ACCEPTED at this time, as the EERSS does not have the resources to accept or sort through used donations within the necessary, quick turnaround times.

This has been an emotional time for so many, and the EERSS would like to thank all its volunteers for their continued support of evacuees. More than 800 volunteers have worked at the donation locations each day since this past Monday.

"Our volunteers have put their own lives on hold," says Geoffroy. "They have put the displaced families of Fort McMurray before their own, and have been here since day one to help however they can."

Geoffroy added that the collaboration of citizens, the City of Edmonton and Government of Alberta has enabled the EERSS to support the large number of evacuees.

"We put in one phone call to the Mayor's Office, and within a matter of hours, an army of support was on the way. We were drowning and they threw us a life preserver," says Geoffroy.

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The Edmonton Emergency Relief Services Society (EERSS) was first established in 1986 in response to a tragic house fire. The Society is a small group of people dedicated to serving victims of fire and disaster by helping them with the basic supplies, such as household necessities and furniture. All services are provided at no cost to the people in need.

[List of items most needed for Fort Mac evacuees](#)

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