Media Advisory

Community Rallies Behind Evergreen Terrace Fire Victims

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VICTORIA, BC — Tenants of Evergreen Terrace who were victim to a fire early Friday morning have been provided with temporary lodging, food vouchers and generous support from the community.

A meeting was held at the Sandman Hotel Friday afternoon to provide updates, answer questions, and identify next steps. The meeting was attended by provincial government Ministries, BC Housing, Canadian Red Cross, and volunteers from the Victoria Fire Department’s Emergency Management Division.

There continues to be a huge outpouring of both public and private support from the community, including one anonymous donation of HBC gift cards. Organizations such as Value Village, Mustard Seed, the Salvation Army, Knights of Columbus, CFAK Santa’s Anonymous, the Victoria Firefighter’s Charitable Society, and a number of community churches continue to provide support.

All evacuees have been provided temporary lodging, vouchers for food and other incidentals. BC Housing, which owns and operates the building, has arranged for new, permanent accommodation for all displaced residents. BC Housing expects to have these replacement units available within the week.

The structure fire at Evergreen Terrace (829 Hillside Avenue) began early Friday morning, forcing residents to evacuate. Thirty-five people were displaced in total. The cause of the fire is still being investigated.

To donate and help those affected by the fire visit quadravillagecc.com

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