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## **Omron Foundation, Inc. donates \$15,000 to the Sonoma County Resilience Fund to help those affected by Northern California wildfires**

HOFFMAN ESTATES, IL (November 1, 2017)—OMRON Foundation, Inc. is contributing \$15,000 to the Community Foundation of Sonoma County Resilience Fund, to benefit residents of the county who were most affected by the recent wildfires.

Close to a quarter of a million acres in Northern California were ravaged by fires which began burning the evening of October 8. Pushed by high winds and low humidity, three initial fires grew to 15 separate blazes burning simultaneously across eight counties, resulting in at least 42 deaths and 8,400 homes and other structures destroyed.

The majority of these losses occurred in Sonoma County, with 110,720 acres burned, 6,800 homes obliterated, and 23 lives lost. Most of the property damage in the county is due to “The Tubbs Fire,” centered in and around the town of Santa Rosa and other nearby communities. The California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection (CAL Fire) has designated Tubbs the most destructive wildfire in California history.

It took firefighters a week or more to contain most of it. On October 26, CAL Fire reported that four remaining sites were nearly 100% contained.

“At this time, our thoughts are with the residents and families of Sonoma County. We are dedicated to assisting those who were hardest hit, as they face the task of rebuilding their homes and restoring their communities,” said Nigel Blakeway, Omron Foundation President and CEO of Omron Management Center of America, Inc.

Established in 1983, the Community Foundation of Sonoma County (CFSC) is a locally focused philanthropy dedicated to the well-being of the county and its residents. The Omron Foundation chose the CFSC Resilience Fund because it was created specifically to assist with the county’s mid- to long-term recovery needs—a process that CFSC knows may take up to 10 years.

Omron employees are encouraged to support the relief efforts by [making individual donations to the Resilience Fund](#), which are matched by the Omron Foundation.

### **About OMRON Foundation, Inc.**

Founded in 1989, OMRON Foundation, Inc. (OFI) coordinates the charitable efforts of OMRON offices in the US to achieve the greatest positive social impact. The Foundation is funded by OMRON's subsidiaries in North America, which contribute a portion of sales revenue to the Foundation. The Foundation divides its charitable resources among organizations benefiting education, people with disabilities, cultural programs, health, and other social concerns including

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About OMRON

Headquartered in Kyoto, Japan, OMRON Corporation is a global leader in electronics manufacturing. Established in 1933 and headed by President & CEO Yoshihito Yamada, OMRON has nearly 38,000 employees around the world working to provide products and services to customers in a variety of fields, including industrial automation, safety products, electronic and mechanical components, automotive electronic components, robotics, social systems (ticket gate machines and traffic control) and healthcare. For more information, visit the OMRON website at [www.omron.com](http://www.omron.com).

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