

Press Release

With the outpouring of support for those affected by the fire, Needs of Dubois (NOD) is anxious to keep the public informed of our efforts to administer donations in accordance with our organizational bylaws. A Dubois Fire Application for Assistance was developed specifically for those affected by the fire to enable prioritization and distribution of donated funds based on needs. That application was made available on January 7th and may be picked up at Dubois Town Hall, at Donn's Custom Leather/Dubois Drug, or can be accessed electronically on the NOD website at <http://needsofdubois.org/fireapp.pdf>. NOD representatives have attempted to contact those businesses affected by the fire and are still compiling a list of people who had consigned items in the Mart. If you have not been contacted, please call at NOD at 307-455-3173 or go to one of the sources listed above.

Applications are due January 23. Completed applications can be mailed to P.O. Box 865, Dubois, WY 82513, or applicants can call the NOD telephone number and a representative will come and pick up the application. Our goal is to review all applications and begin disbursing funds that next week. Note that documentation provided in the application must be verifiable. NOD will pay service providers directly and no money will exchange hands between NOD and the applicant.

Needs of Dubois, along with the Dubois community, is very grateful for the generous donors who have contributed either directly or through the gofundme.com website. The initial balance from gofundme.com has been transferred to NOD, and subsequent donations from that source will be transferred to NOD on a daily basis.

NOD is a registered 501 (c) 3 non-profit organization whose mission is to relieve poverty and distress within the Dubois and Crowheart communities. NOD will assist eligible applicants who are unable to provide for themselves or for members of their immediate family with vital needs for housing, medical care, food, or other needs for daily survival. NOD may extend this assistance to those who are experiencing distress due to unemployment caused by catastrophe, disability, injury, or from any other event rendering them physically or mentally unable to work. NOD uses a consistent application process for those needing assistance. All donations received are used entirely for assistance and all administrative costs are paid for through fundraising activities.

If you have questions or need help with the Needs of Dubois application process, please call 307-455-3173 and a representative will respond as soon as possible. NOD continues to be a partner committed to "neighbors helping neighbors" in the Dubois and Crowheart communities.

Please be advised that St. Thomas Episcopal Church has opened its Outreach Fund to collect donations for fire relief. St. Thomas has the ability, unlike NOD, to make payments from the Outreach Fund directly to those affected by the Dubois fire through their application process. For those wishing to donate to the St. Thomas Outreach Fund, please make your check payable to St. Thomas Outreach at P.O. Box 735, Dubois, WY 82513, noting 'Dubois Fire' in the memo of the check. For more information about this funding source or to obtain their application, call St. Thomas at 307-455-2313. St. Thomas applications are due January 23, 2015.

The Town of Dubois is coordinating a fundraising event on February 14, 2015, for funds to be placed in the St. Thomas Outreach Fund for fire relief.

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