



Thank You!

To the Yakima community,

You have warmed our hearts. On Monday of last week, the City of Yakima launched an effort to generate donations to assist crews battling the massive Okanogan Complex fires in North Central Washington. The response from the Yakima community was instant and extraordinary.

Literally tons of supplies ranging from t-shirts and socks to granola bars and ChapStick poured into the two Yakima fire stations where they were being accepted from Monday through Friday. More than \$20,000 in cash donations were dropped off. Yakima community members opened their hearts and their wallets to help make the enormous task firefighters are facing a little easier.

The overwhelming generosity of the Yakima community sparked people from elsewhere in the Yakima valley, throughout the Northwest, and across the U.S. to join the effort. Donations were sent to Yakima from as nearby as Sunnyside, Naches, and the Nile Valley to as far away as Seattle, North Dakota, and Chicago.

Time and again the Yakima community has stepped up when a call for help arrives and has demonstrated what it means to give and ask nothing in return.

Thank you to all of the individuals, businesses, organizations, volunteers and others who made the supply drive such an overwhelming success. Major contributors included Coca Cola Bottling of Yakima, Costco, Haney Truck Line, Inland Fire Protection, Larson Fruit, Michelson Packaging, Paragon Films, Pepsi Cola Bottling of Yakima, Target, Yakima Convention Center, Yakima Downtown Rotary, Yakima Firefighters Association - Local 469, Yakima Herald Republic, Yakima Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints members, Yakima Regional Medical Center, Yakima Valley Memorial Hospital, and Yakima Waste Systems.

Through last week's firefighter supply drive, you have all once again proven why Yakima is an All-America City.

Sincerely,

Yakima City Council
Yakima Okanogan Complex Firefighters Supply Drive Committee
City of Yakima employees