



STRONGER TOGETHER NOVA SCOTIA FUND UPDATE

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In April 2020, Canadians were shocked and saddened when one man acting alone killed 22 people, injured several others, and set fires to vehicles, houses and other structures at 16 locations in the Nova Scotia communities of Portapique, Wentworth, Debert, Shubenacadie and Milford before an RCMP response team killed the perpetrator.

In response to a request from the Government of Nova Scotia, an outpouring of sympathy from across Canada and a desire by individuals, groups, businesses and other organizations to help, the Red Cross established the Stronger Together Nova Scotia Fund to address some of the immediate and longer-term needs of families devastated by this horrible event.

CANADIAN RED CROSS RESPONSE

Drawing on experience from responding to disaster events and social emergencies in Canada, the Canadian Red Cross supported the immediate needs of people directly impacted by this tragedy. Our priority was to support affected families and individuals in a manner that respected their privacy and acknowledged that no two situations were identical. This personalized support was provided in recognition that those impacted were working through recovery and closure at a different pace, with our teams remaining alongside them for support throughout. Donated funds were distributed to impacted families in honour of their lost loved ones, as well as to individuals who were injured. Additional financial assistance was also provided for those with increased impacts because of the deaths, such as for minors who lost one or both parents/guardians.

To help ensure the most effective and compassionate use of donated funds, the Canadian Red Cross worked closely with representatives of impacted families, the Nova Scotia government, community groups and others with expertise in fields such as crime victim support. We also reviewed other mass-casualty events in Canada and how subsequent financial supports and referrals were managed.

FUND UPDATE

In total, **\$6.3 million** was raised for the Stronger Together Nova Scotia Fund, this includes any interest that was accrued. All funds were used to support impacted individuals and families. The Government of Nova Scotia covered all costs of fundraising, ensuring that 100% of donations directly supported the individuals and families impacted by this tragedy.

All donations provided to the Stronger Together Nova Scotia Fund have been completely disbursed.

**THANK YOU FOR
YOUR SUPPORT!**

