

## **CHIPOTLE DONATES \$380,000 TO UNITED WAY FOR CALIFORNIA WILDFIRE RECOVERY EFFORTS**

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NEWPORT BEACH, Calif., Dec. 3, 2018 [/PRNewswire/](#) -- Chipotle Mexican Grill (NYSE: CMG) donated \$380,000 to the United Way's California wildfire recovery efforts after hosting a fundraiser in late November. More than 75,000 Californians showed their support for wildfire victims by visiting the 154 participating Chipotle restaurants in the Sacramento and Los Angeles region during the fundraiser event.

"We hope this donation to the United Way's California wildfire recovery efforts helps individuals and families impacted by some of the worst wildfires in our state's history to re-establish their lives and rebuild," said Laurie Schalow, Chief Communications Officer at Chipotle. "We felt it was important to do our part and help the communities affected by these disasters through a United Way donation."

Donated funds to local United Ways are fueling interim- and long-term recovery assistance to residents affected by the devastating wildfires in Northern and Southern California. This is part of \$1.4 million that Chipotle has donated since 2017 to help United Way rebuild communities after natural disasters. Chipotle donated to United Way relief efforts for the Mexico earthquake and Hurricanes Harvey and Irma in 2017 as well as Hurricane Florence in 2018.

"United Way is incredibly grateful that Chipotle continues to reach out during these natural disasters to help those in need," said Lisa Bowman, United Way Worldwide's Chief Marketing Officer. "So many people, homes and communities have been affected by the California wildfires, and it will take time to get back to any semblance of normalcy. It's heartening to see such generous support from our partner, Chipotle, and its customers."

In addition to the United Way fundraiser, Chipotle donated meals to feed volunteers at the Emergency Operation Center (EOC) at the American Red Cross of Los Angeles.

For more information on how to support California wildfire relief efforts, visit [UnitedWay.org/Recovery](http://UnitedWay.org/Recovery).

### **ABOUT CHIPOTLE**

Chipotle Mexican Grill, Inc. (NYSE: CMG) is cultivating a better world by serving responsibly sourced, classically-cooked, real food with wholesome ingredients without added colors, flavors or other additives. Chipotle had nearly 2,450 restaurants as of September 30, 2018 in the United States, Canada, the United Kingdom, France and Germany and is the only restaurant company of its size that owns and operates all its restaurants. With more than 70,000 employees passionate about providing a great guest experience, Chipotle is a longtime leader and innovator in the food industry. Chipotle is committed to making its food more accessible to everyone while continuing to be a brand with a demonstrated purpose as it leads the way in digital, technology and sustainable business practices. Steve Eells, founder and executive chairman, first opened Chipotle starting with a single restaurant in Denver, Colorado in 1993. For more information or to place an order online, visit [WWW.CHIPOTLE.COM](http://WWW.CHIPOTLE.COM).

### **ABOUT UNITED WAY**

United Way fights for the health, education and financial stability of every person in every community. Supported by 2.9 million volunteers, 9 million donors worldwide and \$4.7 billion raised every year, United Way is the world's largest privately-funded nonprofit. United Way is engaged in nearly 1,800 communities across more than 40 countries and territories worldwide to create sustainable solutions to the challenges facing communities. United Way partners include global, national and local businesses, nonprofits, government, civic and faith-based organizations, along with educators, labor leaders, health providers, senior citizens, students and more. For more information about United Way, please visit [UnitedWay.org](http://UnitedWay.org). Follow us on Twitter: [@UnitedWay](https://twitter.com/UnitedWay) and [#LiveUnited](https://twitter.com/LiveUnited).

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