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## Fund established to aid De Pere fire relief efforts

DE PERE, WIS. – Since a fire destroyed a historic downtown building in De Pere on Wednesday, April 24, a common question from residents, businesses and neighbors has been: How can we help?

Here are several ways:

As a community-wide partnership, the De Pere Fire Relief Fund has been created to provide assistance to individuals and businesses impacted by Wednesday's downtown fire, which took place at 100 South Broadway. This fund has been established through Nicolet National Bank. The fund will see 100 percent of donations used to provide financial assistance for fire relief efforts.

Monetary donations will be accepted through May 24, and may be made in-person at any Nicolet National Bank location.

Donations made via check must be made out to De Pere Fire Relief Fund, and mailed to Definitely De Pere, 131 North Broadway, Suite D.

If you'd like to donate online, you may do so at definitelydepere.org.

Those needing assistance from this fund will need to complete a short application process.

Those seeking to donate physical items are encouraged to drop them off at local charities and thrift stores. Calling these facilities before drop-off is appreciated. As expected, these community organizations have been great partners through this process, but, remember, not only are they assisting with the immediate needs of those affected, they are still managing the day-to-day mission of their organization, which relies heavily on donations. Please continue donating to these organizations continually to support the community at large.

If you have questions, please contact the De Pere Health Department at 920-339-4054, or Definitely De Pere at 920-403-0337.

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