

Dear Friend:

Late at night on Friday, February 20, our home burned. It was a fast moving fire, and we were lucky that all the people in the house escaped. Unfortunately, our dog, Bella, did not make it. We have a big family with six children. The fire was so intense and destructive that most of our possessions were destroyed. We did not have renters insurance to cover our losses.

Since the fire, we have received such generosity from so many people. Friends of our parents, an employer, neighbors (even ones we never met before), families of fellow students to our children and friends of the family have offered clothing, furniture, gift cards and even cash to help us get back on our feet.

We are just so touched by these many expressions of caring. This has been a difficult time for us and it has been such a support to us to know that so many people want to help and support us. We don't know how to really show our appreciation, but please know that these many acts of kindness have changed our lives.

We have been living in a family member's home. In the near future, we will be moving to a new home of our own. Through help from many caring people, we will have furniture and all the stuff we need to get our big family set up to move forward. The children recently even got a new puppy, Missy – who they love very much.

So many people helped make this possible. Thank you for your support. We are so grateful, and we will never forget how many people showed they care.

Sincerely,

Sonia and Ken Ross and  
Antonio, Michael, Gabby, TJ, Jalen and Aliah  
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