

Monday, April 20, 2026

Smithville Community Update and Continued Support

It has been three weeks TODAY since the strip mall fire that negatively affected several local businesses and their employees.

Thanks to the generosity of this community, on April 17th, **we were able to issue financial assistance totaling \$20,400.00** to employees who were displaced due to the fire.

- Every employee received a check, whether full-time or part-time
- Checks were picked up by business owners on behalf of their teams or by employees directly
- **The gratitude and appreciation expressed by both employees and owners was overwhelming and heartfelt**

While three weeks have passed, the challenges these individuals face have not ended.

- Rent, utilities, and daily expenses are ongoing
- Many are still without steady income
- Recovery will take time

We ask that you please continue to:

- Keep the affected businesses and employees in your prayers
- Support and attend upcoming fundraisers
- **Remain mindful of their needs, even as the immediate shock of the tragedy fades**

This community has already shown incredible compassion. Let's continue to stand with them and ensure they are not forgotten as they work toward recovery.

Thank you for your continued support and kindness.

Sincerely,

**The Kiwanis Disaster Relief committee -
Starla Janes and Holly Sullivan**



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