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Agencies come together to aid Front Street fire victims

GEORGETOWN COUNTY (12:45 p.m.) — Georgetown County Emergency Management and the Georgetown County Chamber of Commerce are working with those most affected by the Front St. fire.

Clean up continues, and both agencies are searching for longer-term lodging for the displaced families, as well as jobs, even if temporary, for those employees who no longer have a place to work due to the fire. Local, state and federal agencies continue to work with those affected; however, all indications are that government assistance will be limited due to the scale of this incident.

Anyone who is able to offer lodging or employment help is asked to call the Georgetown County Chamber of Commerce, (843) 546-8436.

Gov. Nikki Haley announced the creation of the Front Street Fire Relief Fund during her visit Thursday. The Fund has been established for anyone wishing to make a monetary donation to directly help Georgetown residents who have been impacted. To make cash donations, call (843) 546-8591 or visit any First Citizens branch in South Carolina.

Donations to the American Red Cross and Salvation Army are always valuable. Visit redcross.org/coastal and doingthemostgood.org for more information on contributing to disaster relief efforts.

Since the fire destroyed seven buildings along Georgetown's historic Front Street, there has been an outpouring of support and hundreds of inquiries on how people can help. The Chamber is compiling a list of all fundraising events so that all charitable relief efforts are readily available for anyone to give. Please contact the Chamber at shogan@visitgeorge.com with information to be added to the list.

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