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Dear Supporters:

As you know, Kimberley Nemrava retired in March of this year after more than 30 years with the Canadian Red Cross.

We are pleased to announce Pat Quealey as the new Vice-president for BC & Yukon. Pat brings an extensive, diverse background that includes a passion for Red Cross humanitarian work and is a very welcome addition to the team. He assumes his new role on August 6, 2019 and will be based in Victoria. Pat is looking forward to meeting with local authorities, Indigenous leaders, partners, and provincial/territorial governments to continue Red Cross work in the B.C. Yukon region. [Read the full release here.](#)

2017 B.C. Fires Update

Two years after devastating wildfires disrupted the lives of people in B.C., the Canadian Red Cross continues to assist impacted individuals, families and communities as they recover.

Emergencies such as the 2017 B.C. Fires can leave lasting emotional wounds as individuals and families work through their recovery. Red Cross caseworkers continue to provide emotional supports and referrals to external services to assist with the healing process.

Red Cross has also supported community organizations with funds that promote community-driven recovery and resiliency, including volunteer appreciation evenings.

Further along into recovery, Red Cross prioritized the strengthening of support resources within two focus areas of Disaster Risk Reduction and safety and well-being.

Investment in this programming will aid affected individuals, families and communities with long-term resiliency and recovery well into the future.

The road to recovery is long but your support makes this ongoing work possible.

Please find attached a 2 year update on our work and follow us on Facebook facebook.com/crcbcy and Twitter [@redcrossbc](https://twitter.com/redcrossbc) as we continue to share stories about those people and communities we are helping over the weeks to come.

Read more here:

<https://www.redcross.ca/how-we-help/current-emergency-responses/past-emergency-responses/british-columbia-fires>

Sincerely,



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