



Mercy Housing

Diamond Sunrise Apartments

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Dear Mr. Ferreira,

On July 5th there was a wildfire in Diamond Springs that came extremely close to our 40 unit senior apartment complex. Thanks to your quick professional work, our apartments and our senior tenants were not harmed. The wildfire started about 2000' from our property and it moved so quickly that we only had 15 minutes from the start of the fire until 5 of our buildings were hot from exposure to the flames.

Even with everybody doing their best, sometimes not everything works out as well as planned. The CAL Fire engine dispatched to our property had gotten lost, so we had no engines on the ground protecting our property. We were so grateful to hear and then see you flying in. I come from a family of pilots, and my dad was a LA City fire fighter for 22 years. I have never seen such amazing flying. Your drop was absolutely perfect. You came roaring in and poof! The 30 foot high wall of smoke and flames disappeared. Stunning! Your dazzling flying saved our property.

After the fire, we heard the El Dorado County Safety Dispatch record of the fire. We heard the air boss direct all air resources to the back of our apartments. Boy oh boy! Are we grateful that you guys did that.

Our community is made up of active low-income seniors. Your hard work and training saved not only homes, but saved lives. Many of our residents would have no place to go if they lost their homes here. We want to thank you very much for helping us. Please accept this small gift as a token of our gratitude for your help. I wish it was a case of fine wine and a \$500 Omaha Steak gift certificate, but as I said, we are low-income tenants, so I hope you enjoy chocolate.

With much appreciation, and our very best wishes to you,

In Behalf of The Residents of Diamond Sunrise Apartments
Cathy Britvich
Property Manager

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