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# Out of the Ashes pairs wine, food and philanthropy

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The West Slope Foundation, along with wineries from Fair Play, and Creekside Cork and Brew host the Out of the Ashes Wine and Appetizer Pairing Fundraiser Saturday, Feb. 5.

This event will have more than 15 local wineries pouring wines paired with appetizers and small bites prepared by Frank and Casey of Creekside Cork and Brew. This fundraising event will also feature live music, silent auction, live auction and more — with funds assisting Caldor Fire victims.

“For people who want an authentic wine and food experience where proceeds serve the West Slope Caldor Fire victims’ immediate and long-term needs, you won’t want to miss this fantastic event,” said Scot Telfer, executive director of the West Slope Foundation.

Although the COVID-19 pandemic is still a concern, Telfer added, “It’s time to get back to our lives and enjoy each other’s company. Of course, according to local and state guidelines, masks are recommended for this event.”

Out of the Ashes takes place 4-7 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 5, in the barrel room at Skinner Vineyards and Winery, 8054 Fairplay Road in Somerset. Order tickets for this fundraiser on West Slope Foundation’s Facebook page or email [westslopefoundation.events@gmail.com](mailto:westslopefoundation.events@gmail.com). Tickets will not be available at the door.

Although promised by President Joe Biden, Caldor Fire victims have been denied FEMA Individual Funding.

“We, along with many other organizations and agencies, are currently trying to fill the void that FEMA did not come through with. Unfortunately, because of FEMA’s dismissals, West Slope Foundation, along with other organizations throughout El Dorado County, are trying to make up for that deficit ... we were counting on,” said Jennifer McKim-Hibbard, outreach director of the West Slope Foundation. “All fundraisers at this point are here to serve the community and their needs during the rebuild process. We understand that the Caldor Fire victims are frustrated, which is we need everyone’s help to provide the needed assistance to the fire victims.”

The West Slope Foundation is an entity of the Fairplay Aukum Community Hall Association and was formed to meet current and long-term needs of Caldor Fire victims of Grizzly Flat and surrounding communities.

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