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The Wellness Kitchen Faces Temporary Setback Due to a Fire in Shared Building

On Sunday, October 21st, an electrical fire started on the second floor of 1255 Las Tablas Road in Templeton; below which, the nonprofit organization - The Wellness Kitchen and Resource Center - is located. Thanks to the amazing team of local fire fighters, the building remains; however, The Wellness Kitchen has experienced significant smoke and water damages and needs the help of our community.

“On behalf of The Wellness Kitchen, we are thankful there were no injuries,” says Gina Grieb, Executive Director. “We are appreciative to our local fire fighters and law enforcement for their prompt response.”

Until further notice, **The Wellness Kitchen is temporarily unable to provide education programs or weekly organic meals for their Wellness and Healing Food programs.** Many of these meals support those in critical need due to health crisis, such as cancer, and/or lack of caregiver support.

“In 2017, our volunteers will have prepared an estimated 13,000 meals and approximately 7,000 quarts of broth,” according to The Wellness Kitchen.

The Wellness Kitchen is seeking a temporary commercial kitchen so they can continue their mission of providing nutrient dense meals, as well as reschedule the currently enrolled Kid’s Cooking Classes - amongst others - which was canceled until this temporary situation is resolved.

“Last week’s Kid’s Cooking Class filled these walls with so much curiosity and learning that we are eager to find the kitchen where we can resume classes and meals,” says Grieb. *“We’ve been in contact with our current clients and they can’t wait for meal operations to resume.”*

The Wellness Kitchen will need much support from our community. As time passes, they will update their website with specific needs. One way to support their overall mission is by attending the **November 29th Holiday Fundraiser: A Top Chef Tribute**, with dinner prepared by Chef Alex Martin of Crush Catering and wine pairings from local wineries. The event, which is held at **Fig at Courtney’s House at 311 6th Street in Templeton, also needs community sponsors and volunteers.** Please contact Executive Director, Gina Grieb for more information at 805-434-1800. Visit www.TheWKRC.org for updates on reordering meals, rescheduled classes, and updated locations.

Read more about the incident at <https://pasoroblesdailynews.com/fire-ignites-in-templeton-office-building-due-to-electrical-malfunction/87908/>.

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The Wellness Kitchen and Resource Center is a nonprofit organization in Templeton, CA whose mission is to provide Healing Foods to those in critical need, along with education, resources, and nourishing meals for individuals wanting to regain or sustain optimal health. <http://www.thewkrc.org>

