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DATE OF EVENT

December 2018
through June 2019

WEBSITE

cars2ndchance.org

PARADISE FIRE: CALIFORNIA VOCATIONS AND CLAYTON VALLEY CONCORD SUNRISE ROTARY CHARITABLE FOUNDATION

Together with members of the Rotary, fellow ASCCA Shops and Vendors, we reconditioned 40 donated cars and motorhomes thru donations of parts, gas cards and labor. Vehicles were driven to Paradise and distributed to fire victims who had lost their vehicles during the horrific Paradise Fire. We reconditioned several motor homes and it was particularly rewarding to provide homes to those sleeping in shelters.

Dave and I manage the Cars 2nd Chance program which is a car donation project we created many years ago for our Rotary Foundation. When the fire happened, we were pretty devastated as we had many friends in Paradise who lost everything. We had to help in some way and suddenly realized that our Cars 2nd Chance Program was the perfect venue. We connected with Bob Irvine, the CEO of

California Vocations of Paradise. Bob found and vetted the victims and their needs, and we marketed for car donations for Paradise victims thru a quick website that we built called "Cars 4 Paradise".

As a business owner you can open many doors to help those in need.

This quote by Daryn Kagan really says it all; *"Bad things do happen in the world, like war, natural disasters, disease. But out of these situations always arise stories of ordinary people doing extra ordinary things."*

We were ordinary people doing extra ordinary things and we are better people for it.