



Monkeybrains and SF Department of Technology Build Free Wi-Fi at St. Mary's Shelter for Kincade Fire Evacuees

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Monkeybrains has just completed an internet link at St. Mary's Cathedral to provide free Wi-Fi at a shelter for North Bay residents fleeing the Kincade Fire.

Monkeybrains engineers collaborated with the City and County of San Francisco's Department of Technology (DT), whose technicians worked overnight to build a fiber connection to the St. Mary's space where beds are available for up to 200 people displaced by the fire in Sonoma County. Technicians at DT also installed three Ubiquiti UniFi wireless access points donated by Monkeybrains in the shelter.

"We were so happy to provide any relief to the victims of the fire. We hope people can use the internet to stay up to date with the fire news and hopefully watch Netflix to relax," said **Mason Carroll**, Lead Engineer at Monkeybrains. "It's amazing how fast the fiber team at the Department of Technology got this project going. You love to see public fiber supporting people in need."

The installation at St. Mary's is noteworthy for its rapid completion, enabled by two years of active partnership between Monkeybrains and DT via the Fiber to Housing program. Construction of public fiber and service to underserved populations are core tenets of that collaboration, which fits squarely with service to the St. Mary's shelter. In addition to the Wi-Fi access points, Monkeybrains also donated a Cisco switch and a MikroTik router to service the shelter's internet solution.

For further information on Monkeybrains' public sector collaborations, contact **Preston Rhea**, Director of Engineering, Policy Program, at 415-974-1313.



The St. Mary's shelter is equipped to support 200 people.



SF Department of Technology technician Alex Hernandez fuses fiber at St. Mary's shelter.



Monkeybrains Lead Engineer Mason Carroll (R) watches as DT technician Alex Hernandez prepares to fuse fiber.



Left to Right: DT technicians Jonathan Pierce and Richard Tracy, Monkeybrains team members Carlos Michaud and Mason Carroll, and DT technician Soe Min.