



Support for Francis: Rebuilding After Tragic Fire



Ali Nickerson is organizing this fundraiser.

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New Fund Raiser for Funeral Costs.

<https://www.gofundme.com/f/francis-anopuechi>

On January 24th, a devastating fire broke out in the home of Ron and Francis, two beloved members of our community. The fire spread quickly, and in a heroic act of love and courage, Francis risked everything to drag Ron from the burning home.

Tragically, Ron passed away on the way to the hospital. Francis survived but is currently in intensive care, recovering from severe injuries.

This loss is especially heartbreaking because Ron was a cornerstone of our community. Among his many contributions, Ron helped organize Halifax's very first Pride parade, a legacy of love and acceptance that has left an indelible mark on our city. His passion and dedication made Halifax a better place for so many, and he will be deeply missed.

The fire completely destroyed their home, leaving Francis with nothing. He has lost his partner of many years, his possessions, and his sense of security—all in a single, unimaginable moment.

We are coming together as a community to raise funds for Francis as he faces the long journey ahead. When he is released from the hospital, he will need to rebuild his life from scratch. Our goal is to provide him with the resources he needs to begin again—whether that's finding a new home, replacing essential belongings, or simply offering some comfort during this heartbreaking time.

Any amount you can give will make a difference. If you're unable to donate, please consider sharing this fundraiser to help spread the word.

Let's honor Ron's legacy by showing Francis that he is not alone and that our community stands with him.

Thank you for your kindness and support.



Show your support for this GoFundMe

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January 28th, 2025

by Ali Nickerson, Organizer

It is with a very heavy heart that I share the news that on January 27th, Francis passed away due to complications from the injuries he sustained in the fire.

I am in the process of refunding all donations made to this campaign. I want to sincerely thank everyone for their contributions. I know that Francis was aware of this GoFundMe page, and when he heard about it, he was overwhelmed by the outpouring of support and affection from the community.

GoFundMe has informed me that donors will receive their funds back within 7 to 10 business days.

In light of this tragic loss, I have created a new fundraising page where donations can be made to help support the cost of Francis's funeral and burial arrangements.

Thank you all for your kindness and understanding during this difficult time.

Here is a link to the new page.

<https://www.gofundme.com/f/francis-anopuechi>

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