

‘Stronger Together’ Committee Announces \$455,000 Raised for Templeton Feed & Grain Recovery

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Templeton, CA — Following the July 4, 2025, fire that destroyed Templeton Feed & Grain, a community-led fundraising effort organized by the Stronger Together Committee has presented \$455,000 to support the recovery and rebuilding of the longtime local business.

Funds were raised through a series of community events and initiatives, including One Town, One Table, The Grain Revival, auctions, merchandise sales, sponsorships, and individual donations. All proceeds were processed through SLO Ponderosa, which served as the campaign’s 501(c)(3) fiscal sponsor.

In total, \$513,803.16 was raised. After event expenses and processing fees, \$455,000 was presented directly to Templeton Feed & Grain.

Demolition of the remaining storefront was completed in February 2026, marking the final removal of the original structure lost in the fire. With that milestone complete, attention has shifted toward rebuilding and the future of the business on its original Main Street site.

Plans are now underway for a new Templeton Feed & Grain storefront to be built on the original South Main Street property. While the poured-in-place concrete façade dating to 1912 could not be preserved due to structural limitations, the new design is expected to reflect the historic look and footprint of the original building. Feed recipes remain unchanged and continue to be produced off-site during the rebuilding process.

Rick Jermin, Templeton Feed & Grain co-owner, expressed his appreciation to all who have rallied resources in support of the family business after the fire.

“Thanks so much for your thoughtful donation,” said co-owner Rick Jermin. “Our family is deeply touched by your generosity and by your shared love for Templeton Feed & Grain. Losing such an iconic building has been heartbreaking, but your kindness and support have brought us comfort and strength.”

Community Response

The Stronger Together Committee was formed by local residents and business owners in the aftermath of the fire, with the goal of providing meaningful, transparent support for the Jermin family and their business.

“Pulling resources and fundraising has been a natural reflex for the community as a whole, and with most of the Stronger Together committee being both neighbors and customers of the Feed & Grain, it felt like the right thing to do,” explained committee member Sierra English. “I remember looking up from the auction table during The Grain Revival, realizing that the hundreds of people on Main Street showed up for the exact same reasons we felt compelled to help. It was humbling to facilitate something so special.”

Major donors included Justin Vineyards, Weyrick Lumber, and Penny-Newman Grain Company. Food, logistics, production, and volunteer support were provided by dozens of local businesses, civic groups, and individuals across North San Luis Obispo County.

“The devastating loss of our community landmark deeply impacted everyone,” said Jeff Briltz, General Manager of the Templeton Community Services District. “Yet, even before it was fully extinguished, residents and businesses immediately combined resources to transform this tragedy into a powerful display of strength and support that was truly heartfelt and unifying.”

“Templeton Feed & Grain was never just a building — it was the people and community who gave it life,” Jermin said. “From the bottom of our hearts, thank you for standing with us during this difficult time.”

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