

Artist Makes Sculpture Out of Keys From Destroyed Homes

Last year, the town of Paradise, California was devastated by an [redacted] wildfire. The fire wiped out over 8,000 of the town's homes. Since then, art therapist Jessie Mercer has been [redacted] the keys to these destroyed buildings to create a sculpture that would be meaningful to former residents of Paradise. Mercer received [redacted] in the mail containing keys to homes, schools, churches, shops, and businesses that burned down in 2018. The sculpture is an 800-pound phoenix, made of over 14,000 of these keys. The phoenix was [redacted] to a community support centre for [redacted] of the fire. In recognition of her work for the community, Mercer was awarded a key to the town.