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Fire: Family's home at marina destroyed

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The garage and the back half of the house were destroyed. An estimate of damage hadn't been determined and the residents have been allowed to return to retrieve any salvageable items, Alsbury said.

One family member was home when the fire broke out and a passerby forced open the front door to get her out. She had been unaware of the fire.

Warrenton has a mutual aid agreement with Astoria Fire Department, which brought over its aerial truck to knock down the flames from above once the roof collapsed.

"Just one foot in front of the other," wrote Brenda McKune, grandmother to all the children. "Pets are lost; memories are lost. ... The light at the end of the tunnel is my girls, grandchildren and son-in-law are safe.'

The fire is another devastating loss to the family. In 2017, the Secords' 15-year-old son, Trevor, was struck and killed on Highway 101 in Gearhart.

Firefighters were able to save the urn with his ashes, along with a framed photo of Trevor with two of his broth-

The Red Cross visited the family Tuesday night, providing assistance with housing, clothes and other immediate needs.

Heather and her family are staying with the McKunes; Ben and Christina and their family are staying in Gear-

The community has come together to collect clothes, household items, Christmas gifts and cash for the fam-

Several people have stopped by the fire station and social media has a couple fundraisers going.

Warrenton-Hammond Healthy Kids will accept donations of new clothes and children's Christmas presents. The group will be at the Fenton Building from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. today through Sunday. The seven children range in age from 5 to 20.

Home Depot donated a decorated Christmas tree.

An account has been set up at Columbia Bank for monetary donations for the Secord family. Donations can be made at any Columbia Bank branch.