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American Red Cross Shelter to Close at Friendship Manor

Springfield, IL: Local American Red Cross Disaster Action Team (DAT) members have closed the overnight shelter setup in the cafeteria of Friendship Manor Lincoln, IL due to a fire that occurred there yesterday. At this time, all rooms are accessible to residents of the complex. In the next few days, Red Cross caseworkers will meet with the few individuals and families whose units suffered damage from the fire.

Approximately 250 residents of the 925 Primm Road complex were initially evacuated to the cafeteria of Lincoln High School at 1000 Primm Road yesterday morning. Twenty individuals stayed in the shelter area setup in the cafeteria.

Red Cross Disaster Action Team members helped serve lunch and dinner prepared by the Friendship Manor staff to the evacuated residents. Food donated from the Lincoln IGA served approximately 25 people for dinner. Approximately 100 individuals were served lunch at the Lincoln High School reception center.

All American Red Cross disaster assistance is free, made possible by voluntary donations of time and money from the American people. To help the Red Cross continue to save lives, contributions can be made to the American Red Cross Disaster Relief Fund by calling (217) 787-7602. Contributions to the Disaster Relief Fund may also be sent to the Illinois Capital Area Chapter P.O. Box 1058, 1045 Outer Park Dr., Springfield, IL 62704-1058.

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