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American Red Cross Operation Update for April 2, 2006 Storms

Springfield, IL: The American Red Cross Illinois Capital Area Chapter is still operating two (2) shelters this morning due to the storms that came through Central Illinois yesterday evening. Currently the areas suspected with the most damage are Springfield – Riverton area and Taylorville area. Shelters are currently located at the following locations:

Clearlake Twp. Building 4260 Old Route 36 Springfield and
Taylorville Jr. High School 120 E. Bidwell Taylorville.

Individuals who were affected by the storms should either go to:

- Clearlake Township Building 4260 Old Route 36 Springfield IL
- Taylorville Jr. High School 120 E. Bidwell Taylorville IL

Last night neither Red Cross shelter had any residents. The future of both shelter will be determined later today, but, currently, the two (2) shelters remain open. Those who went to the Clearlake Township Building were offered 30 hotel rooms at the Crowne Plaza for a stay Sunday night through the Living Well Center.

Disaster Assessment Teams will be surveying disaster-struck areas in Sangamon and Christian counties to determine the damages this morning. Those residents who sustained damages to their homes need to report to one of the American Red Cross shelters for emergency assistance and information.

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) 522-3357 or 1-888-343-5766. Contributions to the Disaster Relief Fund may also be sent to the Illinois Capital Area Chapter P.O. Box 1058, 1025 South Sixth Street, Springfield, IL 62705-1058.

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