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### **American Red Cross Moves to New Building**

**Springfield, IL:** The American Red Cross, Illinois Capital Area Chapter has officially sold its current location at 1025 S. 6<sup>th</sup> St. to the Springfield Clinic. Beginning Monday, the new location of the American Red Cross will be 1045 Outer Park.

The current location of the American Red Cross is a house built in 1906 that is not conducive to current daily operations. The American Red Cross moved into the home in 1954 when it served only Sangamon County. Since then, it has grown to oversee eight counties, directly servicing six counties and administering another two counties in Illinois.

The new location at 1045 Outer Park, built in 1973, is an office building and has many advantages for the American Red Cross. Listed below are just a few of the advantages the building located at 1045 Outer Park will offer over its current location:

1. The new facility will easily meet ADA (American Disabilities Act) requirements---current location comes up short on meeting ADA requirements
2. Building space will triple in size, which will allow for more classes and trainings to be offered, along with more office space for volunteers and paid staff to operate within (the current location is around 4500 square feet, moving to around a 16,000 square feet facility)
3. Storage for local disaster response supplies for our community
4. Built 67 years later and for purposes of office use, the setting will be more cost efficient and conducive to daily operations in assisting customers and clients
5. The amount of parking space will double to assist with client and visitor needs

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