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American Red Cross in Contract to Purchase 1045 Building

Springfield, IL: The American Red Cross has entered into a written contract with an owner of the 1045 Building (1045 Outer Park) to possibly purchase the building, contingent upon inspections.

The American Red Cross, Illinois Capital Area Chapter has officially sold and closed on its current location at 1025 S. 6th St. with the Springfield Clinic.

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

The American Red Cross conducted a tour of the 1045 Outer Park facility this morning. Attendees included American Red Cross Board of Directors members, Senator Bomke, Representative Poe, Representative Brauer and Debbie Cimarossa, County Board Representative for District 23.

The American Red Cross appreciates the partnerships formed with the Springfield Clinic and an owner of the 1045 Building. The current purchase price of the existing building and agreed upon price of the proposed new facility will closely offset each other.

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