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American Red Cross Transitioning Caseworkers to Outreach Teams

Springfield, IL: Due to the low number of tornado clients at the American Red Cross service center located at 2115 Macarthur (the old Kmart), the service center will officially close at 5:00pm on Wednesday, March 29, 2006. Those with appointments scheduled for Wednesday, March 29 should keep their same time and location.

Individuals who still need assistance because the tornadoes damaged their home should call the American Red Cross at (217) 522-3357 to schedule an appointment with a caseworker. The caseworkers will transition to Outreach Teams where they will open cases at the individual's damaged home.

Below are some of the statistics related to the Red Cross operation:

- The American Red Cross has distributed over 36,000 meals
- More than 675 families have been individually assisted by American Red Cross caseworkers
- Mental Health Counselors have worked with over 500 individuals needing counseling
- Over 300 volunteers have worked in the disaster operation through the American Red Cross

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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