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### **Red Cross Responds to Springfield Fire**

Springfield, IL: The American Red Cross Illinois Capital Area Chapter responded to a fire last night at 821 S. 23<sup>rd</sup> in Springfield.

Casework interviewers and a mental health counselor from the Red Cross met with the four survivors to identify immediate needs resulting from the fire. Basic emergency assistance including food and clothing is being provided.

Every year, between the months of November and March (the months commonly referred to as “Fire Season”) the American Red Cross responds to roughly half of its responses for the entire year. Typically, these responses are to single-family fires.

The Illinois Capital Area Chapter has planned a “walk-thru” for Saturday in neighborhoods where fires have recently occurred. The purpose of the “walk-thru” is to provide fire prevention and fire safety information to individuals and families. The Boy Scouts will be working with the Red Cross to distribute the information.

“We are grateful to have community support that allows us to make a difference in the lives of those affected by disasters. It is the community who makes what we do possible,” said Jenny Antonacci, Community Relations Manager for the Illinois Capital Area Chapter. “By supporting our Local Disaster Relief Fund, people can give others the greatest gift of all...*hope.*”

The community can help those affected by future disasters by making a contribution to the Local Disaster Relief Fund. 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 522-3357. 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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