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Red Cross Responds to Springfield Apartment Fire

The American Red Cross, Illinois Capital Area Chapter responded to an apartment fire early this morning at 1300 North Grand Avenue West in Springfield. A Red Cross Disaster Action Team (DAT) was dispatched at approximately 2:00 a.m. to begin meeting with residents of the apartments affected by the fire.

Casework interviewers from the Red Cross met with the individuals affected to identify immediate needs resulting from the fire. Basic emergency assistance including food, clothing, shelter, and other necessary items are being provided for 6 families, 18 individuals.

On average, the Red Cross, Illinois Capital Area Chapter responds to a disaster every three days. Last year alone responding to more than 115 disaster incidents, including 104 house fires, 2 incidents of flooding, 1 winter storm, 1 windstorm, 1 transportation accident, and 6 other incidents, providing emergency assistance to 534 individuals.

“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*.”

Although the American Red Cross is not able to accept collections of items for disasters, 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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