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American Red Cross Operational Update

Springfield, IL: The Red Cross service center is located at 2115 Macarthur (the old Kmart). Individuals who 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.

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

- Since Sunday, March 12 over 30,000 meals have been distributed by Red Cross mobile feeding units and at the shelter
- More than 600 families have been individually assisted by American Red Cross caseworkers
- Mental Health Counselors have worked with over 400 individuals needing counseling
- 294 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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