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## **American Red Cross Disaster Action Team Volunteers Assist Athens Family After Fire**

The American Red Cross Illinois Capital Area Chapter provided assistance to an Athens family of three after a fire severely damaged their home.

The fire occurred Monday, January 30, at 308 W. Jackson Street, Athens. American Red Cross Disaster Action Team (DAT) volunteers met with the affected individuals and provided them financial assistance for clothing and shelter.

"When a person receives assistance from the American Red Cross, they are very grateful to be taking the first step on the road to recovery," said Amy Eden, Director of Chapter Operations and Response for the American Red Cross Illinois Capital Area Chapter.

The community can help those affected by future disasters by volunteering with the American Red Cross and/or making a contribution to the American Red Cross for Local Disaster Relief.

All American Red Cross disaster assistance is free, made possible by voluntary donations of time and money from the American people. The best way to help those affected by disasters is through a financial donation to the American Red Cross. Donations of money help tailor disaster relief to the needs of victims and restore the economic vitality of disaster-affected communities. Your gift enables the Red Cross to provide shelter, food, emotional support and other assistance to victims of all disasters. Contributions to American Red Cross Local Disaster Relief may be sent to 1045 Outer Park Dr., Springfield, IL 62704 or donations can be made online at [www.il-redcross.org](http://www.il-redcross.org). On those rare occasions when donations exceed Red Cross expenses for a specific disaster, contributions are used to prepare for and serve victims of other disasters.

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