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## **American Red Cross Disaster Action Team Volunteers Respond to Two Fires Over President's Day Weekend**

The American Red Cross Illinois Capital Area Chapter responded to a fire on Saturday, 2/18 in Springfield and Monday, 2/20 in Dawson to provided assistance.

The Saturday fire occurred at 1720 E. Reynolds, Springfield and caused significant damage to the residence. American Red Cross Disaster Action Team (DAT) volunteers met with the two affected individuals and provided them financial assistance for food and temporary shelter.

The Monday fire occurred at 8772 River Birch Road, Dawson and completely destroyed the home. American Red Cross DAT volunteers met with the family of five affected individuals and provided them financial assistance for food, clothing, and shoes.

"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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