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Red Cross Responds to Petersburg Fire

The American Red Cross, Illinois Capital Area Chapter responded to a fire yesterday evening at 1218 N. 4th St. in Petersburg. A Disaster Action Team (DAT) was dispatched to the scene to meet with the 1 adult and 1 child affected by the disaster.

Casework interviewers from the Red Cross met with the individuals affected to identify immediate needs resulting from the fire. The American Red Cross is providing emergency assistance including food and clothing for the individuals affected by the fire.

On average, the Illinois Capital Area Chapter responds to a disaster every three days; last year alone responding to more than 109 incidents, including 94 house fires, 3 tornado touchdowns, 4 incidents of gas leaks, 3 high windstorms, and two transportation accidents; providing nearly \$87,000 in emergency disaster assistance to 572 adults and children.

“We feel good knowing that we will make a difference in the lives of those affected; however, it is the community who makes what we do possible,” said Jenny Antonacci, Community Relations Coordinator for the Illinois Capital Area Chapter. “By supporting our Local Disaster Relief Fund or becoming a Red Cross volunteer, people can give others the greatest gift of all...*hope*.”

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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