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Red Cross Transitions Emergency Relief Efforts

(TULLAHOMA) March 3, 2011 – In the first 48 hours following the Estill Springs tornado the American Red Cross:

- *Served more than 700 meals and snacks to tornado victims, volunteers and relief workers assisting with the clean-up*
- *Completed damage assessment on 95 homes*
- *Assisted 22 families to meet their immediate emergency needs*
- *Utilized 38 trained volunteers working for 720 man hours during the first 2 days of the disaster*

Volunteers from the Red Cross provided damage assessment, mobile feeding, client casework and referrals to other local agencies to assist the affected families in their recovery. The Red Cross continues working diligently in coordination with our community partners in the immediate area to ensure that the emergency needs of the affected families are being met.

All Red Cross disaster assistance is a gift, made possible through the generous contributions of the community and the service of dedicated volunteers. By the end of the day the Heart of Tennessee Chapter should have more information about the scope of the disaster, the number of affected families we will be assisting and the costs that will be associated with the recovery effort.

You can help your local Red Cross assist victims of the Estill Springs tornado as well as other local disaster victims in our community 24 hours a day, 7 days a week by making a contribution to the Heart of Tennessee Chapter - 502 South Jackson Street, Tullahoma, TN 37388 or online at www.midtnredcross.org

The Heart of Tennessee Chapter of the American Red Cross provides vital emergency assistance to help victims of local disasters in Rutherford, Bedford, Cannon, Franklin, Coffee & Moore counties. Over the past year the Chapter trained nearly 15,000 people in CPR & First Aid, Babysitting and Aquatics training, and provided pre-deployment briefings and emergency communications for over 640 active duty military personnel and their families. Over 13,177 pints of life-saving blood were collected from the community last year. All of these services are made possible by over 320 dedicated local Red Cross volunteers as well as through generous gifts from the local community. To get more information please call 615) 893-4272 or log on to www.midtnredcross.org.

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