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## News Release NEWS RELEASE

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# Red Cross Continues Storm Relief Efforts

## *Volunteer Assessing Emergency Needs of Affected Families*

**(MURFREESBORO) April 28, 2011** – Red Cross Volunteers will be visiting affected areas in Rutherford and Franklin Counties in the Murfreesboro and Huntland communities today to begin damage assessment to homes that were damaged by yesterday's severe storms. The Respite Center that was opened at New Vision Baptist Church has since closed after no one needed any overnight sheltering Wednesday evening. The Red Cross would like to extend a special thanks to the staff at New Vision Baptist for their help and willingness to open the Respite Center immediately following the storms yesterday.

During the intermittent breaks between storms yesterday, Red Cross volunteers visited several communities in the Murfreesboro area to deliver meals, snacks and water to emergency workers as well as volunteers and families who were cleaning up debris and repairing damaged homes. Red Cross volunteers are working around the clock to ensure that the emergency needs of the affected families are being addressed.

**Get Help:** Anyone in Murfreesboro needing Red Cross assistance is encouraged to call the local Red Cross office at 615.893.4272 and follow the prompts for Disaster Assistance. Those living in the Huntland community can call 931.455.2501.

### **How to Help:**

You can help your local Red Cross assist local disaster victims in our community 24 hours a day, 7 days a week by making a contribution to the Heart of Tennessee Chapter at 501 Memorial Blvd., Murfreesboro, TN 37129 or online at [www.midtnredcross.org](http://www.midtnredcross.org). At this time all of the immediate spontaneous volunteer needs for the Heart of Tennessee Chapter have been met for this disaster. If you are interested in becoming a trained Red Cross volunteer so that you will be ready to respond to the next disaster please sign up and complete a background check online at [www.midtnredcross.org](http://www.midtnredcross.org) today!

The American Red Cross does **not** accept or solicit small, individual donations or collections of items for emergency relief purposes. Small items such as collections of food, used clothing, and shoes often must be cleaned, sorted, and repackaged which impedes the valuable resources of money, time, and personnel that are needed for other aspects of our relief operation. The Red Cross, in partnership with other agencies, suggests that the best use for those types of donations is to support needy agencies within your community that are capable of processing these items. Community members who have items to donate such as bottled water, non-perishable foods, diapers, baby food and formula, cleaning supplies and other necessity items are encouraged to do so through our partner agencies by calling 2-1-1.

*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](http://www.midtnredcross.org).*

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