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Red Cross Flood Relief Transitions from Respite Center

MURFREESBORO) May 10, 2010 – The Heart of Tennessee Chapter Respite Center located at *Highland Heights Church of Christ, located at 785 South Lowry Street in Smyrna* is now CLOSED after remaining open for the past several days to assist local flood victims in Rutherford County.

“We greatly appreciate the church allowing us to use their facility over the past week and now that things have significantly slowed down we want to let the church get back to their regular routine,” said Red Cross CEO Greg King.

Any flood victim that still needs information is encouraged to call 1-866-GET-INFO to reach the Red Cross.

Since May 1st the American Red Cross Heart of Tennessee Chapter has:

- Delivered 4,913 meals and snacks
- Distributed 227 clean-up kits and 173 comfort kits
- Utilized 91 volunteers to assist with relief efforts
- Opened 2 shelters and one respite center in the community

Get Help: Rutherford County has been declared and affected residents can apply for assistance from FEMA. If you were affected by the recent flooding register for assistance online at www.DisasterAssistance.gov or by calling 1-800-621-FEMA (3362) or 1-800-462-7585 (TTY) for the hearing and speech impaired. The toll-free telephone numbers are available from 7 a.m. to 10 p.m. (local time). Applicants registering for aid should be prepared to provide basic information about themselves (name, permanent address, phone number), insurance coverage and any other information to help substantiate losses.

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 836 Commercial Court, Murfreesboro, TN 37129 or online at 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 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; the United Way and the Salvation Army.

Help people affected by disasters like the recent floods, by donating to the American Red Cross Disaster Relief Fund. 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. Your gift enables the Red Cross to prepare for disasters and provide shelter, food, emotional support and other assistance to victims of all disasters. Call 1-800-REDCROSS (1-800-733-2767) or 1-800-257-7575 (Spanish). Contributions to the Disaster Relief Fund may be sent to your local American Red Cross chapter or to the American Red Cross, P.O. Box 37243, Washington, DC 20013. Internet users can make a secure online contribution by visiting www.redcross.org.

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