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Red Cross Outreach Team in the area



The National Red Cross has sent in a team of 10 volunteers to help victims of the Flood of 2008. These volunteers have come from all over the United States with state of the art equipment and resources at their fingertips, including their new Emergency Communications Response Vehicle (ECRV), which can be seen in the parking lot next to the Red Cross office on the corner of Main and Jefferson, in

Ottumwa for the next few days.

These volunteers will be surveying the damaged areas and offering their services to victims in those areas. All of the volunteers from Red Cross have proper identification and wear the bright, red and white, Red Cross vests, so that you will know they are here to help.

When you see them, be sure to say hello, and thank them for their support! Like 90% of Red Cross workers, these folks volunteer their time and expertise absolutely free, with no compensation whatsoever. When people need help, they come.

The team includes:

- Deb Helm, Team Leader, from Decatur, IL
- Pat Vickers, Financials Associate from Springfield, MO

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- JoAnn Wagner, Mental Health Worker, from Virginia
- June Bujnoski, RN, from Pennsylvania
- Jim Voige, Communications Specialist, from Colorado Springs, CO
- Bill Elmer, Communications Specialist, from Battle Creek, MI
- Gordon Lewis, Case Worker, form Albert Lea, MN
- Bill Reibsamen, Case Worker, from Hampton, IA
- Judy Pike, Case Worker, from St. Cloud, MN
- Dick Pike, Case Worker, also from St. Cloud, MN

Also with the team is Joe Stephens, a Nationa Red Cross Damage Assessment specialist from Springfield, MO, and Nadine Krimow, a National Red Cross Public Affairs specialist from Rochester, NY.

For more pictures of the team and their ECRV, go to our Events Page at <http://www.kbizam.com/events/index.php?event=2008-06-25%20Red%20Cross%20Outreach%20Team>

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