



Red Cross Chapters are Working Together to Provide Relief to Residents of Holly

Saturday, March 31, 2007— Months ahead of tornado season and without warning, the funnel cloud touched down just before 8 p.m. and bullied its way straight through the small town of Holly, Colorado -- four miles west of the Kansas boarder. Grasping at electrical lines and uprooting trees, the powerful storm damaged more than 100 homes, killed one woman and injured eight others in its 7-mile wake.

Together, Red Cross volunteers from the Pikes Peak Chapter in Colorado and Garden City Area Chapter in Kansas quickly established an emergency shelter at the Anna Bryce School in Holly to provide displaced residents with a safe place to stay following the tornado.

At the first signs of daylight, additional volunteers from the Mile High Chapter in Denver deployed to Holly and reached out to the affected neighborhoods, distributing food, water and other relief supplies as residents surveyed the damage. Partnering with the Salvation Army, the chapters have served more than 4,000 meals and snacks from its mobile and fixed feeding sites. Volunteers continue to travel throughout area, distributing building-repair supplies and supporting emergency crews during arduous clean-up effort.

At the school, volunteer caseworkers are meeting one-on-one with families and individuals and may provide the means to purchase emergency food, clothing and other essentials. Additionally, trained mental health volunteers are tending to the emotional needs of the community as health services workers reach out to individuals and families in need of replacement medications and related supplies.

Community members interested in donating goods such as clothing, shoes and household items, please contact the Adventisit Community Services in Lamar, Colorado at (719) 537-6047.

All American Red Cross disaster assistance is free, made possible by voluntary donations of time and money from the American people. You can help the victims of thousands of disasters across the country each year, disasters like the Holly Tornado by making a financial gift to the American Red Cross Disaster Relief Fund, which enables the Red Cross to provide shelter, food, counseling and other assistance to victims of disaster. The American Red Cross honors donor intent. If you wish to designate your donation to a specific disaster please do so at the time of your donation. Call 1-800-REDCROSS or 1-800-257-7575 (Spanish). Contributions to the Disaster Relief Fund may be sent to your local American Red Cross chapter at SE Colorado Red Cross 4104 Outlook Blvd, Pueblo, CO 81001 Internet users can make a secure online contribution by visiting www.redcross.org.