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Local Red Cross Deploys Volunteer to Georgia Flooding

[SPOKANE] Washington, September 29, 2009 – The rains are over, but the clean-up has only just begun as hundreds of American Red Cross staff and volunteers continue to help those affected by the devastating flooding which inundated Georgia last week. In about two weeks time, the Red Cross has served more than 12,700 meals and 11,400 snacks, and provided more than 28,300 items such as bleach, comfort kits, bottled water and clean-up kits.

The American Red Cross continues to recruit volunteers from across the country to assist with the extended relief effort. Brenda Dahmen, a volunteer from the Inland Northwest Chapter, is scheduled to deploy today (Tuesday, September 29th) at 1:00 from the Spokane International Airport. As a certified EMT, Brenda will be assisting primarily with the health needs of area residents and responders. This is Brenda's first national Red Cross deployment.

Brenda will be available for interviews prior to her departure. She will be completing final deployment paperwork at the Inland Northwest Chapter office (315 W. Nora) between 10:00 am and 11:00 am this morning.

Contact Megan Snow, Communications Director, at 990-0969 for more information.

You can help people affected by disasters like the current 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. Internet users can make a secure online contribution by visiting redcross.org.

About the American Red Cross

The American Red Cross helps people prevent, prepare for and respond to emergencies. Last year, almost a million volunteers and 35,000 employees helped victims of almost 75,000 disasters; taught lifesaving skills to millions; and helped U.S. service members separated from their families stay connected. Almost 4 million people gave blood through the Red Cross, the largest supplier of blood and blood products in the United States. The American Red Cross is part of the International Red Cross and Red Crescent Movement. An average of 94 cents of every dollar the Red Cross spends is invested in humanitarian services and programs. The Red Cross is not a government agency; it relies on donations of time, money, and blood to do its work.

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