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Red Cross Prepares for Hurricane Ike

Northwest Residents Can Help Victims of Hurricane Ike

[SPOKANE] WASHINGTON, Thursday, September 11, 2008. As Texas residents are forced to evacuate ahead of Hurricane Ike, the American Red Cross encourages residents of the Northwest to support the Disaster Relief Fund. The Red Cross estimates it will spend between \$40-70 million on relief efforts for Gustav alone and this doesn't include resources needed for Hurricane Ike.

"We know that people want to help those affected by this hurricane and the best way to do it is by making a financial gift to support the Red Cross Disaster Relief Fund," said Marge Rusch, Director of Financial Development for the Inland Northwest Chapter.

"A record tornado season, wide-scale flooding in the Midwest and an early wildfire season, have put a strain on the Red Cross Disaster Relief Fund. Now more than ever, the Red Cross needs your help. Making a financial contribution to the Disaster Relief Fund also enables the Red Cross to support the greatest needs in the most efficient manner," adds Rusch. "Cash can be used to purchase items in adjacent, staging areas and eliminate the added costs involved in transporting goods to disaster affected communities."

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 by contributing to our Disaster Relief Fund, which enables the Red Cross to provide shelter, food, counseling and other assistance to those in need. To make a secure online donation go to www.spokaneredcross.org or www.redcrosswashington.org or call toll free 1-800-HELP NOW or (1-800-257-7575 for Spanish speakers).

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 Hurricanes of 2008, 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 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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