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**AMERICAN RED CROSS, GREATER CLEVELAND CHAPTER**  
**PROJECTS \$40,000 IN ASSISTANCE TO FLOOD VICTIMS**

***Donations Needed To Help Red Cross Continue Its Work***

**Cleveland (Aug. 9, 2007)** - Since the morning of Tuesday, August 7, the American Red Cross, Greater Cleveland Chapter has been helping hundreds of residents affected by flooding in Greater Cleveland, including the residents of the Westfield Apartments in Parma Heights who were forced to evacuate on Tuesday afternoon.

The Red Cross opened a shelter at Valley Forge High School, and continues to offer temporary housing, meals, and clothing to families and individuals who were displaced from their homes. In addition, the Greater Cleveland Chapter is providing counseling to assist the flood victims with their relocation plans, and addressing their ongoing basic needs such as food, clothing, and medical and mental health. Dozens of Red Cross volunteers are distributing hundreds of clean-up kits to residents throughout the area whose homes have been affected by the floods. These services provided by the Red Cross are estimated to total approximately \$40,000.

While Red Cross volunteers of the Greater Cleveland Chapter have been assisting affected residents first-hand the past few days, their efforts are not possible without the help of Greater Clevelanders and the surrounding communities. You can help the victims of thousands of disasters across the country each year, disasters like the Northeast Ohio Floods, 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. Remember, all disaster assistance is free, made possible by the generosity of the American people. To make a financial donation call 1-800-REDCROSS or 1-800-257-7575 (Spanish). Internet users can make a secure online contribution by visiting [www.redcross.org](http://www.redcross.org).

“No one can predict when a disaster will strike, but the Red Cross is prepared 365 days a year to respond,” said Mary-Alice Frank, CEO of the Greater Cleveland Chapter. “Financial donations from residents in Cuyahoga, Geauga and Lake Counties allow us to

be prepared to assist victims of disasters so they can get on with their lives even when their world has been turned upside down.”

The Greater Cleveland Chapter helps people prevent, prepare for and respond to emergencies by providing shelter, food, clothing and mental health counseling to families affected by disasters in Cuyahoga, Geauga and Lake counties. All disaster relief is free and is made possible by generous donations from the American people. The Chapter also provides CPR, First Aid, Water Safety and preparedness training to thousands of individuals each year. The Greater Cleveland Chapter has been the respected humanitarian disaster response organization in our community for 102 years. To learn more about the American Red Cross, Greater Cleveland Chapter visit [www.redcross-cleveland.org](http://www.redcross-cleveland.org).

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