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**AMERICAN RED CROSS DISASTER ASSISTANCE CONTINUES FOR FAMILIES
AFFECTED BY JULY 28TH FLOODS**

ASHTABULA AND LAKE COUNTIES -- JULY 31, 2006 -- Staff and volunteers of the American Red Cross continue to provide disaster assistance to those affected by the severe floods that began on July 28th.

Shelters: Two shelters remain open for residents who are currently unable to return to their homes:

Harvey High School
167 W. Washington Street
Painesville, Ohio

Madison Senior Center
2938 Hubbard Road/Rte. 528
Madison, Ohio

Client Assistance:

The Ashtabula County Chapter of the American Red Cross continues to assist the families that were affected by the flood that occurred on **Friday July 28**. Families have major damage to their homes and need assistance with their basic emergency needs can contact:

American Red Cross Ashtabula County Chapter
433 Center Street,
Ashtabula Ohio
440-998-1020

The Client Services Assistance Center will be open from 9:00Am -7:00PM from Tuesday through Friday. If you have questions please call 440-998-1020.

In Lake County, beginning at 9 a.m. tomorrow, August 1st, residents should go to the client services assistance center:

Chase Bank Building
30 S. Park Street -- 1st floor
Painesville, Ohio

For questions, please call the Greater Cleveland Chapter at 216.431.3010 and ask for the Emergency Services Department.

What You Can Do To Help - It is now estimated that the cost of our response to the Lake County Floods could top \$200,000. We need the help of the community to fund this assistance to their neighbors. Financial assistance is the quickest way to get help to those who need it.

All American Red Cross disaster assistance is free, made possible by voluntary donations of time and money by the American people. You can help the victims of thousands of disasters across the country each year, disasters like the 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. Call 1-800-HELP-NOW or 1-800-257-7575 (Spanish), Contributions to the Disaster Relief Fund may be sent to the American Red Cross, Greater Cleveland Chapter at 3747 Euclid Ave., Cleveland, Oh, 44115 or to PO Box 37243, Washington, DC, 20013. Internet users can make a secure online contribution by visiting www.redcross.org.

In-Kind Donations -- We encourage residents who wish to contribute in-kind donations of clothing and other household supplies to donate the items to Goodwill or to the Salvation Army.

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