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## **American Red Cross Statistics from Northeast Ohio July 28 Floods**

**Cleveland, Ohio – August 3, 2006** – The American Red Cross of Greater Cleveland and Ashtabula responded to the Northeast Ohio July 28 floods in a number of ways. With costs of more than \$250,000 in Red Cross assistance predicted according to early estimates, we have:

- Provided assistance to 346 clients in Lake and Ashtabula counties to date
- Is operating two service centers at Chase Bank in Painesville and the Ashtabula Red Cross Chapter; those centers will run from 9 a.m. to 7 p.m. today and Friday, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday and noon to 5 p.m. on Sunday.
- Sheltered 188 people
- Served 17,916 meals and snacks
- Distributed more than 885 clean up kits and how-to tips on how to clean flooded dwellings.
- Opened a cooling center at Notre Dame Elementary School in Chardon for residents who lost power on Tuesday and supported another shelter for nursing home residents with food, cots and blankets.
- Total staff and volunteers on this disaster operation to date: 173

Additionally, the American Red Cross continues to provide water, snacks and other assistance with three Emergency Response Vehicles (ERVs) traveling the affected areas.

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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 NE 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, Ohio 44115 or to PO Box 37243, Washington DC, 20013. Internet users can make a secure online contribution by visiting [www.redcross.org](http://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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