

THANKS FOR YOUR HELP

Cleveland, OH – August 9, 2006 - Shortly after midnight on July 28, as floods began to sweep through our area, our Disaster Team sprang into action. As the cleanup continues, so does our work.

The devastating floods did not devastate the giving spirit of our community. Our thanks to all who supported the American Red Cross, enabling us to respond with immediate and longer-term disaster assistance. Working in partnership with police, fire and emergency management agencies throughout the area, and utilizing scores of volunteers, the Red Cross:

- mobilized hundreds of staff/volunteers for immediate and continuing aid
- provided safe shelter for hundreds of people
- served more than 20,000 meals and snacks and countless beverages
- distributed nearly 1,000 clean-up kits to begin the recovery
- gave more than \$250,000 in direct disaster assistance to area families

We still need your help. The American Red Cross is the only organization mandated by Congressional Charter to provide relief to disaster victims. All our disaster assistance is free, made possible by voluntary donations of time and money by you, the American people.

Please 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 us to provide shelter, food, counseling and other assistance to victims of disaster. You may designate your gift to the Northeast Ohio floods by noting NE Ohio July 06 Floods when your donation is made.

Call 1-800-HELP-NOW or 1-800-257-7575 (Spanish), or mail contributions to the American Red Cross, Greater Cleveland Chapter, 3747 Euclid Ave., Cleveland, Ohio 44115, or Internet users can make a secure online contribution at www.redcross.org.