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## News Release NEWS RELEASE

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### Capital Area Chapter Sends Emergency Response Vehicle to Assist Alabama Disaster

**April 29, 2011** — TALLAHASSEE FL. The Capital Area Chapter of the American Red Cross has deployed two volunteers with the Emergency Response Vehicle after Wednesday's deadly tornadoes in Alabama. The volunteers, William Moore and Charles Schaller, departed Tallahassee for Birmingham, AL this morning and will assist with distribution of food and supplies.

Alabama Governor Robert Bentley has activated National Guard troops to help in the devastated areas. The American Red Cross is sending disaster workers, materials, blood products and equipment into the state. Nearly 40 emergency response vehicles are on the way, along with 25,000 ready-to-eat meals. Red Cross Blood Services is moving hundreds of blood products into the area, and Red Cross nurses and mental health workers are being deployed to help people cope with the aftermath of this disaster.

"Red Cross disaster teams are making sure people have a safe place to stay and food to eat," said Katie Sherk, Director of Emergency Services at the Capital Area Chapter, "We are working in communities across a large part of the country helping people affected by these storms."

More than 1,600 people sought refuge in 65 Red Cross shelters Wednesday night as the storms forced them from their homes. Red Cross shelters are open in Alabama, Georgia, Tennessee, Missouri, Indiana, Kentucky, Arkansas, North Carolina and Texas. In addition, with community partners, the Red Cross has served more than 233,000 meals and snacks and distributed more than 20,000 items like clean-up supplies and comfort kits to people affected by the severe spring weather. Red Cross mental health and health service workers have provided thousands of consultations to people coping with the aftermath of these disasters.

Those who want to help the people affected by these disasters, as well as countless crises at home and around the world, can make a donation to support American Red Cross Disaster Relief. Their gift will enable the Red Cross to prepare for and provide shelter, food, emotional support and other disaster assistance. Donation information can be found at [www.redcross.org](http://www.redcross.org) or by calling 1-800-RED-CROSS. The Capital Area Chapter is also accepting donations on their website at [www.tallyredcross.org](http://www.tallyredcross.org) or by mail to the Red Cross, Capital Area Chapter, 1115 Easterwood Drive, Tallahassee FL 32311.

#### **About the American Red Cross:**

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