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**Capital Area Chapter Sends Volunteers
to Nashville, Tennessee to Assist Flood Victims**

Tallahassee, FL, May 6, 2010 – The Capital Area Chapter of the American Red Cross will deploy two volunteers along with the Emergency Response Vehicle to Nashville, Tennessee early Thursday morning. The volunteers will be responsible for mobile feeding in the affected area and distributing bulk items and clean up kits to those families impacted by the current flooding. The volunteers will be deployed for at least two weeks.

“We’re in the beginning stages of this relief operation, and until the water begins to recede we won’t know just how much damage has occurred,” said Dan Samborn, Chief Executive Officer at the Chapter. “Right now the Red Cross is focused on providing meals and a safe place to stay, but the Red Cross will be there for the long haul to help people get back on their feet.”

The Red Cross activated a mobile giving text donation effort today to enable interested people to make a \$10 text donation to help people affected by disasters like the recent floods and tornadoes

Customers of participating wireless carriers can text “REDCROSS” to 90999 to make a \$10 donation to the American Red Cross Disaster Relief Fund. Donations will appear on customers’ monthly bills or be debited from a prepaid account balance. Message and data rates may apply. Depending on the carrier, individuals can donate two or three times per month. The Red Cross is working with mGive to process and facilitate the mobile donations.

Volunteers at the Red Cross are always needed and appreciated locally. There are many ways you can channel your energy and compassion through volunteering. If you would like to volunteer for the American Red Cross in the Big Bend Community, please contact the Capital Area Chapter at 850.878.6080 or at www.tallyredcross.org. You can become trained in disaster response, safety and preparedness and become part of a global cause to help alleviate human suffering in whatever form it may take.

***About the American Red Cross:** The American Red Cross shelters, feeds and provides emotional support to victims of disasters; teaches lifesaving skills; provides international humanitarian aid; and supports military members and their families. The Red Cross is a charitable organization — not a government agency — and depends on volunteers and the generosity of the American public to perform its mission. For more information, please visit www.TallyRedCross.org or join us on our Facebook page, blog or follow us on Twitter.*

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