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**Capital Area Chapter of the American Red Cross
Celebrates Grand Opening of New Headquarters Facility**

March 15, 2010 Tallahassee, FL - The Capital Area Chapter of the American Red Cross celebrated the Grand Opening of their new Chapter Headquarters facility in Tallahassee today. The celebration included Lieutenant Governor Jeff Kottkamp, many state, city and county leaders; as well as, board members, volunteers and community partners consisting of Culpepper Construction Company, DodStone Group Architects, CenturyLink and the Tallahassee Democrat.

“The opening of the facility is a momentous achievement,” said Dan Samborn, the Chapter’s Chief Executive Officer. “The new facility will undoubtedly strengthen our commitment to provide relief for victims of disasters and increase the Chapter’s ability to engage the community at an optimum level. We are grateful for the generous grant from the people of Kuwait through the Kuwait Red Crescent Society for making this facility a reality.”

The formal ceremony concluded with a ribbon-cutting by the Greater Tallahassee Chamber President Sue Dick. The ribbon cutting was held in front of the new 22,000-square-foot facility located at 1115 Easterwood Drive. The Grand Opening Celebration highlighted the facility’s state-of-the-art, Chapter Disaster Operations Center, training rooms, kitchen and warehouse.

“The new Chapter Disaster Operations Center will allow volunteers to manage disaster response more effectively and the training room will significantly increase the number of people trained in lifesaving skills,” said Katie Sherk, Senior Director of Emergency Services.

Attending guests toured the new facility, met board members, volunteers and staff and received demonstrations of services provided by the Red Cross in the Big Bend Community. The ceremony concluded with a lunch celebration. Any person interested in becoming a volunteer or supporter of the Capital Area Chapter or to tour the new Headquarters Facility, please contact the Chapter at 850-878-6080 or visit the web site at www.tallyredcross.org.

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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 us at www.TallyRedCross.org or join us on our Facebook page, blog or follow us on Twitter.