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Red Cross Relief Efforts Continue

PENSACOLA, FLORIDA, October 22, 2007 – As rain started to fall again yesterday in Pensacola, the Red Cross continues to provide emergency assistance to those affected by last Thursday's storm.

The case worker teams have been out visiting with families, many that have called the Red Cross Hotline at 1-866-GET INFO. The Red Cross is assisting storm victims with temporary housing, clothing, food, clean up kits, blue tarps and crisis counseling.

The Red Cross is prepared to assist an increased number of storm victims based on today's results of damage assessment. With Red Cross assessment nearly complete, the disaster assessment teams report ten structures destroyed, twenty-eight with major damage, one hundred and seven with minor damage and one hundred and six affected. These structures include homes, apartments, condos and mobile units in Escambia, Santa Rosa and Okaloosa counties.

"Many people have contacted us and asked how they can help the Red Cross assist the storm victims," said Dianne Connors, Chapter Chair for the American Red Cross of Northwest Florida. "The best way to help us deliver service to those in need is to make a financial contribution to the Disaster Relief Fund," continued Connors.

For more information on Red Cross services for those who sustained damage in this storm, call 1-866-GET INFO.

You can help the victims of thousands of disasters across the country each year, disasters like this storm, by making a financial gift to the American Red Cross Disaster Relief Fund. This fund 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.

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