

Red Cross Responds To Devastating Tornadoes In Missouri And Arkansas

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ST. LOUIS - The American Red Cross of Missouri and Arkansas is coordinating with local and state emergency management to assist communities hit by devastating tornadoes overnight in Missouri and Arkansas.

“Our hearts go out to the individuals and communities impacted across Missouri and Arkansas,” said Chris Harmon, Regional Disaster Officer. “We have been working to determine specific needs and will continue to work closely with local officials today.”

Red Cross has sent responders to affected communities in the Greater St. Louis area including Edwardsville, IL, and in St. Charles County where homes were destroyed in Defiance, Missouri. Responders also provided assistance in Wright and Stone counties

in Missouri where homes were damaged and are in the northeast Arkansas communities affected in Craighead County and surrounding areas.

Red Cross assistance following a disaster includes immediate needs such as shelter, food, and clothing; providing mental health and spiritual care assistance; and supporting emergency responders in their rescue efforts with water and food.

How to help those affected by disasters

During and after disasters, financial donations enable the Red Cross to help people recover from disasters big and small. To give visit **redcross.org**, call **1-800 RED CROSS** or text the word **REDCROSS** to **90999** to make a \$10 donation or donate online at www.redcross.org.

To volunteer, visit redcross.org/volunteer.

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About Red Cross:

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