

Call Red Cross chapter to help with flooding relief

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American Red Cross

The American Red Cross is providing assistance to victims of flooding and fire disasters in Iowa, Indiana, Wisconsin, Kansas, California, Illinois, Missouri, Nebraska and West Virginia.

Seven disaster response volunteers trained through the Saginaw County Chapter have responded, along with five from the East Shoreline Chapter out of Bay City.

More volunteers from the Tri-County area will deploy in coming weeks, officials said. Call your local American Red Cross Chapter for more information on becoming a disaster response volunteer. The number in Saginaw is 754-8181.

As of Wednesday, the American Red Cross had opened 97 shelters in nine states to offer 9,144 overnight stays and serve nearly 135,000 meals.

Across the country, 3,256 local volunteers have deployed to help in the response and recovery efforts. The Red Cross also is assisting with damage assessment, health screenings and mental health counseling, and it is providing funds to help families get back on their feet.

Red Cross leaders expect the cost of the relief effort to reach \$15 million.

Those wishing to help may make donations through their local Red Cross chapters. The Red Cross is unable to accept donations of clothing and other material goods, as the cost of shipping is prohibitive. To make a monetary donation, call your local chapter or (800) REDCROSS.

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