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Red Cross Shelter at Presbyterian Church Closing

Disaster Relief Continues for Flood-impacted Residents

Somerville, N.J.; May 14, 2007 – After serving the flood devastated communities of New Jersey for more than four weeks, the American Red Cross relief operation is transitioning to a more efficient use of donated resources while continuing to assist those whose disaster-caused needs have yet to be served. On Wednesday, May 16, 2007, the Red Cross shelter at Presbyterian Church in Bound Brook will be closing. The Red Cross is helping the remaining residents to transition to other housing accommodations, working in conjunction with community partners to ensure that people who need assistance know what local options are available to them.

Red Cross Client Services have contacted residents in the affected areas with flood related damage. The American Red Cross has provided relief to individuals and families affected by this disaster, with safe shelter, nutritious meals, personal care items, clean-up items, emotional support and individual casework to help guide them towards self-sufficiency. The Greater Somerset County Chapter will continue to serve the emergency needs of individuals who were affected by the Nor'easter.

Residents in these communities who still have questions about flood relief are encouraged to call 1-866-GET-INFO (English and Spanish) or the Greater Somerset County Chapter at 908-725-2217.

**The Red Cross has activated its toll free information line.
Anyone with questions about flood relief is urged to call
1-866-GET-INFO (1-866-438-4636)
Hearing impaired callers may call TDD 1-800-526-1417.**

As a result of the Nor'easter of April 2007, the American Red Cross in Somerset County has:

- **Sheltered 1,894 people, 30% of which were children, providing 9,261 overnight stays where residents were provided a safe place to sleep and nutritious meals.**
- **Provided 28,315 meals and 47,638 snacks.**
- **Distributed 3,731 clean-up kits, 1,794 comfort kits and over 17,600 individual bulk items.**
- **Used the services of over 130 volunteer relief workers drawn from local chapters as well as from chapters across the country.**
- **Committed \$356,873 to direct client assistance, which is on-going.**

FEMA Client Assistance call 1-800-621-FEMA (1-800-621-3362)

All American Red Cross disaster assistance is free, made possible by voluntary donations of time and money from the American people. You can help the victims of thousands of disasters across the country each year, disasters like the New Jersey Nor'easter floods, by making a financial gift to the American Red Cross Disaster Relief Fund, which 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. Call 1-800-RED-CROSS or 1-800-257-7575 (Spanish). Contributions to the Disaster Relief Fund may be sent to your local American Red Cross chapter or to the American Red Cross, P. O. Box 37243, Washington, DC 20013. Internet users can make a secure online contribution by visiting www.redcross.org.