



**American
Red Cross**

Disaster Services

**Red Cross Chapters
of Vermont**

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NEWS RELEASE

Vermont Red Cross Volunteers on the Ground in Gulf Coast Region

Six local Red Crossers in place, in advance, of Hurricane Gustav landfall.

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Burlington Vermont - The Vermont Red Cross chapters are part of the nationwide American Red Cross response to the anticipated landfall of Hurricane Gustav. Emergency response vehicles from two Vermont Red Cross chapters departed earlier this week with trained volunteers on board so they would be positioned to bring relief supplies to hard hit areas within hours of landfall. Two additional volunteers are already in place in the Gulf Coast region to support operations as disaster relief supplies begin to flow in the aftermath of the storm.

These well trained volunteers are just the first wave of what is anticipated to be a major Red Cross response to support the needs of evacuees, storm victims and rescue workers in the region hardest hit by the storm. Red Cross volunteer leadership and paid staff have been in touch across the state during this holiday weekend and will continue to monitor the situation so that the local chapters can support all the Red Cross volunteers from across the nation that will be on the front lines of this potential natural disaster.

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 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. Contributions to the Disaster Relief Fund may be sent to your local American Red Cross chapter.

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