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PIEDMONT VOLUNTEERS FOR HURRICANE RELIEF THROUGH LOCAL RED CROSS CHAPTERS

{October 4, 2005}—The American Red Cross is recruiting and training volunteers throughout the Piedmont as part of *Give Hope Now—Hurricane Response Volunteers*, a nationwide drive to recruit and train 40,000 new volunteers by November 30, 2005. Red Cross chapters in Greensboro, High Point, Winston-Salem and Reidsville are participating.

Since the unprecedented destruction of Hurricane Katrina and Rita, businesses, community groups and individuals throughout our area have asked what they can do to help. Here's the answer, and a way to truly make a difference: Give three weeks of your time, for an impact that will last a lifetime.

New volunteers will join more than 175,000 volunteers already working on the ground to help Hurricane Katrina and Rita survivors, either by assisting local chapters, traveling to specific affected areas or supporting the events of 2005 hurricane season in other ways. They will be trained in areas of greatest need: feeding, sheltering, client assistance, physical and mental health, material support and community relations.

This project gives people a way to reach out to fellow citizens, just as the Red Cross has historically given Americans a channel through which to care for other Americans. This nationwide campaign is designed to recruit volunteers from diverse backgrounds, representative of the communities being served.

Because of the potentially long hours and work in hardship conditions, the Red Cross requires that volunteers for this project be in good physical health, as well as commit to service for a period of generally three weeks. For those who are not able to meet this project's criteria, volunteer opportunities are available year-round through their local Red Cross chapter. Please contact your local Red Cross for more information or to sign up for training.

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 this and thousands of other 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 those in need. Call 1-800-HELP NOW or 1-800-257-7575 (Spanish/Español). Contributions to the Disaster Relief Fund may be sent 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.

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