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## ***News Release***

### **For Immediate Release**

#### **NORTHWEST NORTH CAROLINA CHAPTER CONTINUES TO CARE FOR HURRICANE KATRINA'S VICTIMS**

(WINSTON-SALEM, September 5, 2005) –American Red Cross disaster relief operations in response to Hurricane Katrina continue to expand in the Gulf states and around the country. More than 4,000 American Red Cross disaster workers from across America have been deployed to the affected area. In addition, thousands of Red Cross workers in local chapters across the country are training new volunteers, processing donations and answering phone calls. The Northwest North Carolina Chapter has already had hundreds of people to respond to become volunteers.

Currently 107,524 evacuees are taking refuge in 419 Red Cross shelters. More than 5 million meals and snacks have been served to these individuals by dedicated Red Cross volunteers. Mental health and medical services are being provided at all shelter location to help ease the suffering of these individuals and families.

Approximately 20 thousand people have now registered on the American Red Cross Family Links Registry, a web site and hotline assisting family members seeking news about loved ones living in the path of Hurricane Katrina. Evacuees wishing to inform loved ones of their location can register their name by clicking on "Family Links Registry" on [www.redcross.org](http://www.redcross.org). Concerned family members can register the names of their loved ones and view the list of those already posted. Due to the extent of the damage and the number of people displaced, concerned friends and family members are encouraged to visit the site daily to consult the list, as it will be updated continuously. You can visit the "Family Links Registry" via [www.redcross.org](http://www.redcross.org) or call **1-877-LOVED-1S** to register.

To date, \$302 million dollars has been donated to the American Red Cross Disaster Relief Fund to aid the victims of Hurricane Katrina. To make a contribution call 1-800-HELP-NOW or [www.redcross.org](http://www.redcross.org). You can also contact the Northwest North Carolina Chapter at (336) 724-0511 to make a donation or go on our website at [www.nwnc-redcross.org](http://www.nwnc-redcross.org).

*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). 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](http://www.redcross.org).*

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