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News Release NEWS RELEASE

Local Red Cross Shelter Calls Upon Mid-Southerners For Help

Memphis, TN, September 2, 2008 – Hurricane Gustav evacuees have made their way to the Mid-South in search of accommodations. Hotel rooms in the Mid-South and neighboring communities are filled to capacity. Many of the evacuees in town because of Hurricane Gustav were here when Hurricane Katrina hit New Orleans. The Mid-South Chapter of the American Red Cross has set up Red Cross shelters across the community to house those who need assistance.

As it is with any disaster, assistance from the community is vital. The Red Cross is calling on the support of the community for items that are needed in shelters. These items are:

Air Mattresses – that can be kept and used if this situation occurs again	
Towels – new	Deodorant (small size)
Wash Clothes – new	Soap (small size)
Bottle Water	Socks
Disposable Diapers	White T-Shirts
Baby Wipes	Underwear for children, men and women
Formula	Sports Bras
Feminine Products	
Tooth Brush	
Tooth Paste	
Shampoo (small size)	

The Red Cross does not accept used items of any kinds or items of clothing other than those requested above.

If you would like to donate some of the items listed above, Mississippi Blvd. Christian Church is serving as a drop off location between the hours of 9 am – 7 pm, Monday through Thursday, 9 am – 5 pm on Friday and 9 am – 3 pm on Saturday. Take donated items to the Family Life Center, Mississippi Blvd. Christian Church located at 70 N. Bellevue Blvd.

The Mid-South Chapter of the American Red Cross serves a three state/seven county area. Those counties are Shelby, Lauderdale, Fayette and Tipton, in Tennessee, Tunica and DeSoto in Mississippi and Crittenden in Arkansas. The Mid-South Chapter of the American Red Cross depends on the generous support of mid-southerners to respond to our neighbors who are affected by home fires and other disasters. You can help the Red Cross respond to the Hurricanes of 2008 by making a donation to the National Disaster Relief Fund. You can do so by calling 1-800- Red-Cross. Or you can make a financial donation by visiting www.midsouthredcross.org, call the Mid-South Chapter at (901) 726-1690, or mail a check to Mid-South Chapter of the American Red Cross, 1400 Central Avenue, Memphis, TN, 38104.

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