



RED CROSS SPEARHEADS MULTI-AGENCY RESOURCE CENTER FOR TORNADO CLIENTS

"One-Stop Shop" Offering Relief and Recovery Resources Friday and Saturday

EAU CLAIRE, WI... (May 18, 2017) – The Red Cross is partnering with local organizations to open a "one-stop shop" for residents affected by Tuesday's tornado. On Friday, May 19th the Multi-Agency Relief Center (MARC) will be open from 1:00pm to 8:00pm and Saturday May 20th from 9am to 4pm at Mosaic Telecom, 401 South 1st Street in Cameron

Trained Red Cross caseworkers will help people create personal recovery plans, navigate paperwork, and locate assistance for their specific disaster-caused needs. Representatives from more than a dozen community partners will be in attendance including rent assistance, security deposits, furniture, household supplies, food, clothing and more. Attendees already confirmed include the:

- American Red Cross
- Habitat for Humanity ReStore
- Barron County DSI
- Red Cedar Church
- Rural Development - USDA
- Salvation Army
- St. Vincent de Paul
- United Way 211
- WestCap
- WI Judicare
- Workforce Resources
- Public Health
- Benjamin's House – Emergency Shelter
- Citizens Connected
- Johnson Insurance
- Mosaic Telecom
- Ruby's Closet
- USDA Rural Development
- Wisconsin Works
- Housing and Urban Development

The Red Cross has also trucked in racks, gloves, masks, googles and plastic bags to help in the clean-up process. Two pallets of water also arrived from Kwik Trip today so people can stay

hydrated while embarking on large community project. Lunch, snacks and dinner will also be served by the Salvation Army.

Services are available for both Chetek, Conrath and surrounding area residents who were affected by the storms.

HOW YOU CAN HELP

All Red Cross disaster assistance is free, made possible by voluntary donations of time and money from the American people.

Help people affected by disasters like this fire and countless other crises by making a gift to American Red Cross Disaster Relief. Your gift enables the Red Cross to prepare for, respond to and help people recover from disasters big and small. Visit redcross.org/donate, or call 1-800-REDCROSS. You can also text "REDCROSS" to 90999 to make a \$10 donation. Contributions may also be sent to your local Red Cross chapter, 2600 W. Wisconsin Avenue, Milwaukee, WI 53233.

DOWNLOAD THE FREE RED CROSS EMERGENCY & FIRST AID APPS

Have safety and first aid information at your fingertips. The emergency app features weather alerts, a toolkit with a flashlight, strobe light and alarm, and a one-touch "I'm Safe" button that lets you use social media outlets to let family and friends know you are okay. The apps include a Spanish language toggle switch and can be downloaded by visiting redcross.org/apps.

About the American Red Cross:

The American Red Cross shelters, feeds and provides emotional support to victims of disasters; supplies about 40 percent of the nation's blood; teaches skills that save lives; provides international humanitarian aid; and supports military members and their families. The Red Cross is a not-for-profit organization that depends on volunteers and the generosity of the American public to perform its mission.

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