

# Red Cross Community Report

## From the Chairman

The Nashville Area Chapter just completed the largest mass care relief effort in the history of this chapter, and we did it with only 600 volunteers, a tremendous staff of 19 people and numerous partners in our community. Although Hurricane Gustav wasn't as fierce as the recent Hurricane Ike, the disaster was very apparent here in Middle Tennessee as Gustav brought thousands of evacuees to our region.



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Thank you to the many community leaders who made this relief operation possible and who are named in this report. The Red Cross volunteer effort was completely local. That means no other Red Cross volunteers from outside of Middle Tennessee were deployed into our region to help. This tells us that Join the 10,000 (our campaign to recruit and train 10,000 volunteers) is working. Our goal is to be able to sustain ourselves for five days after a disaster without relying on additional assistance from Red Cross volunteers outside the Middle Tennessee area. During the Gustav relief operation, we sustained ourselves for eight days. Thank you for being there when help can't wait!

Sincerely,

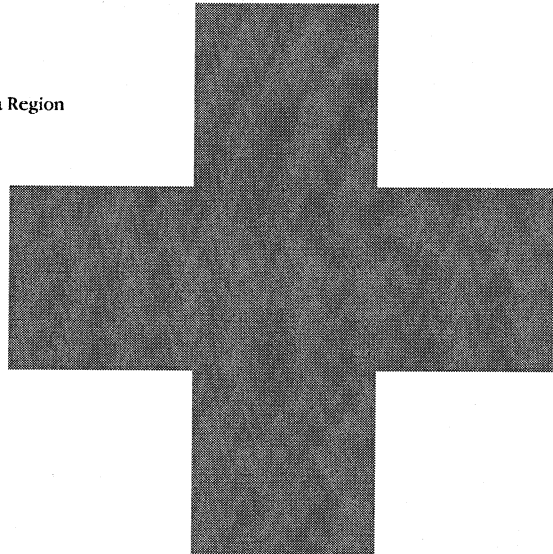
D. Scott Turner, Chairman  
American Red Cross, Nashville Area Region

## Thank you to our generous partners and donors of the Gustav Relief Operation

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## By the Numbers

Hurricane Gustav Shelter and Feeding Relief Operation (Statewide) (Aug 30 - Sept 6, 2008)	TN Tornado Relief Operation (Statewide) (Feb 5 - March 27, 2008)
Shelters Opened 33	5
Persons Sheltered 6,886	318
Meals Served 135,500	19,927
Snacks Served 288,825	20,963
Comfort Kits Distributed 6,720	1,331
Bulk Care Items Distributed 19,545	35,137
Red Cross volunteers 1,950*	945*
<small>*all local volunteers</small>	<small>*approx. 145 local volunteers</small>



## Compassion in Action

### Changing and Saving Lives

When more than 2,200 New Orleans evacuees arrived in Middle Tennessee, the American Red Cross started opening shelters that were already prepped and ready. Locally, the Red Cross opened 12 shelters and served more than 80,000 meals and snacks.

Across the state, Red Cross chapters opened 33 shelters and served approximately 400,000 meals and snacks to

more than 6,800 evacuees over eight days.

Long before Hurricane Gustav was a reality, members of the First Baptist Church in Goodlettsville saw the need.

After the tornadoes of 2006 in Sumner County, some church members went through Red Cross training for sheltering and became an official Red Cross host team. When the evacuees headed to the region, they were ready.

"We're glad to see how well it has

worked," said Goodlettsville City Manager Jim Thomas. "Who knows when the next tornado comes through and we'll need it."

New Orleans native Shann Carter said volunteers, law enforcement, local city officials, and emergency medical technicians demonstrated "nothing but love and hospitality to us."

"I want to thank God for the different staff, people who delivered to First Baptist Church, their pastor, their congregation,

the Red Cross and the volunteers of America," said Carter, as she started to cry. "From the heart, I want to say thank you for everything you've done for my sisters and brothers from New Orleans."

If your organization, faith-based institution or school is interested in becoming a shelter during times of disaster and receiving shelter operations training, please contact Jill Gorin at 615.250.4272.



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