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American Red Cross, Cape Cod and Islands Chapter, deploys Martha's Vineyard volunteer to support Texas Flood victims

Hyannis, Massachusetts, June 29th, 2007 – Today, the American Red Cross, Cape Cod and Islands Chapter, is sending Martha's Vineyard volunteer Deborah Medders to Texas to support victims from the major floods affecting Texas and adjacent portions of Oklahoma. Deborah, who has been with the Red Cross for almost three years, will work in the Disaster Mental Health area as a Service Associate. She is expected to stay in Texas for up to three weeks.

Some areas in central and north-central Texas and adjacent portions of Oklahoma received more than 18 inches of rain. Many creeks and rivers overflowed. Thousands of roads were flooded, several closed, with many vehicles stranded. Hundreds of people had to be evacuated in 25 Texas counties. Some 30 homes were destroyed. Four Red Cross chapters in Texas are operating shelters in the most hard-hit areas. The need for mental health support is expected to be high especially as the water subsides and people are starting to return to their homes, or what is left of it.

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Note for editors, not for publication: : Deborah Medders has agreed to be available for telephone interviews from the disaster scene, if time and circumstances allow. Her number is cell: 508-280-0905