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Media Alert

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Spirit of America, Open Mic Benefit Organized to support Red Cross Tornado Relief Efforts on August 13th in Hyannis

Hyannis, MA, July 25, 2011 - The American Red Cross, Cape Cod and Islands Chapter, is pleased to announce that an Open Mic benefit will be held on Saturday, August 13, 2011 at Pufferbellies, Iyanough Road, Hyannis. This event called "Spirit of America" will benefit the victims of the recent tornados here in Massachusetts as well as in other states. All proceeds will support the Red Cross disaster relief efforts. The event will take place from 10:00 am to 6:00 pm, and general admission is a \$15 donation and \$10 for seniors with and ID and performers. Those interested in performing should contact organizer Roger Maynard at 774-696-1621 or maynard2004@verizon.net for a time slot.

The **American Red Cross** is the nation's foremost emergency response organization, offering neutral humanitarian care to the victims of war and devastating natural disasters as well as local disasters such as fires, Hazardous Materials accidents and more, providing victims of these disasters with shelter, food and emotional support. Today, in addition to domestic disaster relief, the American Red Cross offers compassionate services in five other areas: **community services** for affected victims after a disaster; **support and comfort for military members and their families** including **emergency messaging**; the **collection, processing and distribution of lifesaving blood and blood products**; **educational programs** that promote health and safety; and **international relief and development** programs.

The Red Cross is not a government agency and does not receive federal or state funding. Local Chapters do receive some human resource support from the American Red Cross Headquarters, however, each Chapter is responsible for raising adequate funds to support all of its activities, including recruiting and training volunteers, and teaching life saving skills within its geographical coverage area. It relies on donations of time, money, and blood from the American public to successfully do its work.

For more information about donating, volunteering or life saving training classes, contact the American Red Cross, Cape Cod and Islands Chapter, 286 South Street, Hyannis, MA 02601, (508) 775-1540, info@cciredcross.org

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