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Media Alert

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Red Cross Sends Volunteering Couple to Tennessee to Support Tornadoes and Flood Relief Efforts

May 13th, 2010, Hyannis, MA --- The Cape Cod and the Islands Chapter of the American Red Cross is now also sending Robert and Elizabeth Hartman of Plymouth as volunteers to Nashville, TN to provide Mental Health support to those affected by the tornadoes and floods. They expect to be there about two weeks. The volunteer couple has been involved with the Cape Cod and Islands Chapter for several years as deployment supervisors and mental health volunteers. They have been deployed before to support other national and regional relief efforts, and were last in Florida to support Haiti relief efforts.

To-date the Red Cross staffed almost 60 shelters, served more than 100,000 meals and snacks and has more than 3,000 Red Cross workers providing relief, clean-up, disaster assessment activities and health and mental health support in Alabama, Arkansas, Kentucky, Mississippi, Tennessee. and Oklahoma.

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

You can help people affected by disasters, like the recent floods and tornadoes, by texting REDCROSS to 90999 and make a \$10 donation to the American Red Cross Disaster Relief Fund. To learn more about the Disaster Relief Fund, please visit www.redcross.org

A financial gift to the American Red Cross Disaster Relief Fund enables the Red Cross to provide shelter, food, counseling and other assistance to those affected by a disaster. *On those rare occasions when donations exceed Red Cross expenses for a specific disaster, contributions are used to prepare for and serve those affected by other disasters.* Contributions to the Disaster Relief Fund may be sent to your local American Red Cross chapter at 286 South Street, Hyannis, MA 02601. Tel. (508) 775-1540. Internet users can make a secure online contribution by visiting www.cciredcross.org

NOTE, not for publication: Bob and Betty Hartman are available for interviews at 774-836-2736 or via email at dshradministrators@cciredcross.org