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Kelley Foundation issues \$5,000 Challenge Grant for Red Cross to Support Local Disaster Relief Efforts

Hyannis, Mass., October 13th, 2010 – The Edward Bangs and Elza Bangs Kelley Foundation, Inc has issued a \$5,000 Challenge grant to the Cape Cod and Islands Chapter of the American Red Cross to support its local Disaster relief efforts, especially aimed at helping those affected by local disasters such as house fires or floods.

The Chapter needs to raise \$5,000 by November 10th to receive the grant. Donations can be made online at www.cciredcross.org, by calling (508) 775-1540 or by mail to American Red Cross, Cape Cod and Islands Chapter, 286 South Street, Hyannis, MA 02601.

Red Cross volunteers are on call 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, 365 days a year. They are typically there within the first 15 minutes after called by fire or police, to support residents after a house fire or flood, or any other disaster. They support someone who may have lost everything with a place to stay, food, clothes and someone to talk to. Volunteers also support the first responders on the scene to keep them nourished and fed so they can battle the fire or attend to other local disasters. For example, the two most recent fires affected a family in Yarmouth and a resident on the Lower Cape.

Henry L. Murphy, Jr. of the Edward Bangs and Elza Bangs Kelley Foundation, Inc says:
"We are extremely pleased to issue this Challenge grant to the Cape Cod and Islands Chapter, American Red Cross, as the volunteers need to be there to support our residents who may have lost everything after a devastating fire or flood or other local disaster. This grant fits closely with our goal of supporting Cape Cod residents with immediate needs."

To donate to support the Challenge Grant, or for information about volunteering, training or disaster preparedness, please write to the American Red Cross Cape Cod Islands Chapter, 286 South Street, Hyannis, MA 02601, call (508) 775-1540 or visit www.cciredcross.org

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