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## **Cape and Islands Chapter Volunteers Supports Salem Shelter after Winter Storm hits Northeast Mass**

Hyannis, MA, February 26th, 2010- Cape and Islands Red Cross Disaster Action Team volunteers are heading up to support a shelter in Salem, which was opened after the major power outages resulting from the major winter storms hitting the Northeast.

Anne Katz Jacobson of West Yarmouth , Health Services, Cathy Karras of Harwich, Shelter Lead, and Maria Chatzinakis, Shelter staff are the crew heading up for a 7am Saturday February 27th shift.

Gene Tully of Dennis left Cape Cod at 4 a.m. to drive up to the Framingham Massachusetts Emergency Management (MEMA) Operations Center in Framingham this morning to serve as the Partner Services Government Liaison, supporting communication between the various agencies involved. He is expected back on Cape late tonight.

Northeast Massachusetts Emergency Managers have opened shelters in Newbury, Salem, Gloucester, Methuen with Red Cross volunteers supporting Mass Care and Mass Feeding. An estimated 30,000 people is currently without power in the Northeast and they expect that power may not be restored in some areas till Monday.

*All American Red Cross disaster assistance is free, made possible by voluntary donations of time and money from the American people. You can help the victims of disasters locally by making a financial gift to the American Red Cross Disaster Response Fund, which enables the Red Cross to provide shelter, food, counseling and other assistance to victims of disaster. You can make a gift online at [www.cciredcross.org](http://www.cciredcross.org), by calling (508) 775-1540 or to American Red Cross, Cape Cod and Islands Chapter, 286 South Street, Hyannis, MA 02601.*

*Note for the media, not for publication. Ann Katz-Jacobson is available for interviews on Saturday at the shelter via (718) 208-9651.*