

American Red Cross Responds to Hurricane Irene

In the wake of Hurricane Irene, thousands of people have turned to the American Red Cross for help. Many communities from North Carolina to New England are suffering from significant flooding, wind damage and widespread power outages.

In New Jersey, our volunteers and staff have been responding to the Hurricane since Friday, August 27th, sheltering thousands across the state. We have opened over 167 shelters and aided nearly 14,000 individuals, nearly half the national response. To date we have supplied:

- **48,000** shelf stable meals
- **800** comfort kits
- **800** cots
- **40** medical cots
- **1,600** blankets.

This comes at a significant expense to the Red Cross as we anticipate spending \$15 million or more before the event closes. Please consider helping a neighbor by making a donation to:

- **The Disaster Relief Fund** by choosing the Donate Now option [Donate Now](#)
- **Text Red Cross** to 90999 to donate \$10
- **Mail a contribution** to: Colonial Crossroads Chapter ARC, 695 Springfield Avenue, Summit, NJ 07901, Memo: Disaster Relief Fund or Where the Need is Greatest