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Fifty-three Local Red Cross Responders Helping Relief Operations in Puerto Rico, U.S. Virgin Islands, Mississippi, Florida, Texas and Las Vegas

Responders from Oregon and SW Washington are on the ground in areas affected by natural disasters and a national tragedy, helping people to recover and find hope amid devastation.

PORTLAND, Ore., October 9, 2017 – Fifty-three disaster responders from the American Red Cross in Oregon and Southwest Washington (Cascades Region) are on the ground helping communities affected by destructive hurricanes in Puerto Rico, the U.S. Virgin Islands, Mississippi, West Virginia, Kentucky, Florida, and Texas. Additionally, local responders are helping in Las Vegas, offering emotional support and other resources to people affected by the tragic shooting.

Responders from Silverton, Springfield, Albany, Troutdale, Portland, Turner, Salem, Eugene, Bend, Rockaway Beach, Beaverton, Happy Valley, Roseburg, Lake Oswego, Klamath Falls, Medford, Gold Beach, Tigard, McMinnville, Corbett, Independence, Wolf Creek, and Ashland, Oregon, as well as Vancouver, Goldendale, and Longview, Washington, are assisting communities affected by hurricanes and the shooting by working in disaster relief shelters, delivering food and water to affected neighborhoods, providing emergency financial assistance, helping with family reunification, delivering health and mental health services and providing spiritual care.

Las Vegas Response Efforts

Since the tragic shooting in Las Vegas last week, the Red Cross has been providing support to families of the deceased, people who were injured, and helping at public memorials and vigils. The Red Cross is providing health and mental health assistance, spiritual care and other forms of assistance at a family assistance center (a centralized location for affected families to go to get help and resources), at local hospitals, and through outreach teams. Additionally, and as part of our national blood network, the Red Cross has provided blood to hospitals treating patients injured in the incident. Following the shooting, the Red Cross supplied more than 450 units of blood and blood products to hospitals treating victims.

Hurricane Harvey, Irma, Maria and Nate Response Efforts

In the last six weeks, the American Red Cross has launched a wide-ranging relief effort to help people devastated by three historic, back-to-back hurricanes—Harvey, Irma, and Maria. And now, the Red Cross is helping families affected by a fourth hurricane, Nate, which made landfall in Mississippi Saturday. The Red Cross is on the ground, part of a large team of agencies and organizations responding to provide help to communities turned upside down by these storms.

Overall Response Efforts

- In the last six weeks, the Red Cross, along with community and government partners, has provided **more than 1.2 million** overnight stays in emergency shelters. Shelters were opened in **8 states**, Puerto Rico and the U.S. Virgin Islands.
- The Red Cross has served **more than 6.4 million** meals and snacks, and provided **more than 2.9 million** relief items to people in need.
- Red Cross volunteers have provided **more than 177,200** mental health and health services to support and care for those affected.
- A total of **more than 16,000** trained disaster workers, **91 percent** of them volunteers, have been mobilized to support hurricane relief efforts.
- **More than 100** Red Cross workers from around the world deployed to the United States to help with hurricane relief efforts.
- Right now, **more than 2,600** Red Cross disaster workers and **almost 250** emergency response vehicles are on the ground, helping thousands of people affected by these storms.

HOW TO HELP:

The Red Cross has launched massive responses to these devastating hurricanes and needs financial donations to be able to provide immediate and ongoing disaster relief for those affected. Help people affected by visiting redcross.org or calling 1-800-RED CROSS to make a donation.

Donations enable the Red Cross to prepare for, respond to and help people recover from these disasters. The Red Cross honors donor intent. Donors can designate their donation to hurricane relief efforts by choosing that option when donating on redcross.org or by calling 1-800-RED CROSS.