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Local Red Cross Assists Dozens of Residents after Major Apartment Fire in Curlew

[SPOKANE] December 22, 2009 — Volunteers from the Inland Northwest Chapter of the American Red Cross, including caseworkers, nurses, and a mental health professional, worked with local officials in Curlew to assist the approximately 30 individuals who were displaced in this morning's apartment complex fire. The early morning blaze destroyed the complex in which 23 units were occupied.

The Red Cross worked with the complex manager to identify the needs of the residents and will be providing temporary housing, assistance with food and clothing, comfort items, and help with the replacement of medical items such as prescription medications and eyeglasses as needed. All Red Cross assistance is provided at no cost to victims of disaster.

Residents who were not able to connect with the Red Cross representatives in Curlew can contact the Inland Northwest Red Cross at 1-800-793-0278 for assistance.

The public can assist the families affected by this morning's fire in Curlew by making a secure donation to the American Red Cross Inland Northwest Chapter. Call 509-326-3330 or visit www.spokaneredcross.org to make a contribution. The Inland Northwest Chapter office is **NOT** accepting in-kind/item donations (household items, etc.).

Residents in the Curlew area who would like to donate household items to these families (such as blankets, etc.) can drop items off at the Old Fire Hall in downtown Curlew.

Curlew is located a few miles south of Canada in Ferry County. The Inland Northwest Chapter provides services to a seven-county, 38,000 square mile area including in Ferry County.

Please contact Megan Snow, Director of Communications and Marketing, at 509-990-0969 for further information.

About the American Red Cross

The American Red Cross shelters, feeds and provides emotional support to victims of disasters; supplies nearly half of the nation's blood; teaches lifesaving skills; provides international humanitarian aid; and supports military members and their families. The Red Cross is a charitable organization — not a government agency — and depends on volunteers and the generosity of the American public to perform its mission. For more information, please visit www.redcross.org or join our blog at <http://blog.redcross.org>.

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