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American Red Cross Assessing Storm Damage, Assisting Families

KALAMAZOO, MI, June 22, 2009 – Severe weather on Friday, June 19 touched off tornadoes that damaged barns, businesses and homes in several local communities. Storm and wind damage is sporadic and widespread throughout many Counties in Southwest Michigan.

Nine families were affected in the Cheshire Township of Allegan County. Greater Kalamazoo Area American Red Cross disaster assessment teams continue work today to assist those who have immediate emergency needs as a result of the storms. The local chapter has provided assistance to one family as of this morning, and urges anyone who needs help to call the chapter using the toll free number (800) 382-6382.

About the American Red Cross:

The American Red Cross shelters, feeds and counsels victims of disasters; provides nearly half of the nation's blood supply; teaches lifesaving skills; 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 humanitarian mission. For more information, please visit www.redcross.org or www.greaterkzoo.redcross.org

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