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### **LOCAL RED CROSS PROVIDES ASSISTANCE TO TEXAS TOWNSHIP FAMILY**

**KALAMAZOO, MI, - April 27, 2009** - The Greater Kalamazoo Area Chapter of the American Red Cross continues to assist the family devastated by a Texas Township fire Saturday morning, claiming the lives of four children in its wake. Red Cross case workers continued interviews with the family, to assist them with their immediate emergency disaster caused needs. The needs of the family are being reviewed as their situation changes. Two family members remain hospitalized at this time.

Many local organizations and businesses are working together to provide for the many needs of the extended family. The Salvation Army has provided personal items and spiritual counseling. The Whitley memorial Funeral Home in Kalamazoo is offering their services free of charge. Other human services organizations will assist the family as they are referred by the Red Cross in the coming days and weeks.

The Red Cross provides financial assistance to victims of house fires based on individual emergency disaster caused needs for food, clothing and shelter. Ongoing assistance is provided to help those individuals make plans for recovery and for any disaster caused mental health needs. The Red Cross and the Salvation Army encourage financial donations so that we can continue to assist the victims of this and other local disasters. For information on how to make a donation you may visit [www.greaterkzooredcross.org](http://www.greaterkzooredcross.org) or [www.tsakalamazoo.org](http://www.tsakalamazoo.org).

#### ***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 on the Greater Kalamazoo Area Chapter of the American Red Cross, please visit [www.greaterkzooredcross.org](http://www.greaterkzooredcross.org).

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