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## NEWS RELEASE

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### Red Cross Closes Hillside Shelter

**KALAMAZOO, MI - July 4, 2009** – The shelter opened in response to the emergency disaster needs of Fox Ridge Apartments residents, was closed Friday morning, July 3, 2009. The Kalamazoo Area Chapter of the American Red Cross assisted 93 people in 29 families after the fire June 30, 2009. None of the affected families used the facility overnight Thursday, and the shelter was closed. The Chapter has provided \$13,800 in direct assistance to the victims to meet their immediate emergency disaster caused needs. Food, clothing, infant supplies, prescription replacements and shelter were all made available in less than 48 hours after the fire. The management of Fox Ridge Apartments is continuing to work with residents to find new accommodations for the displaced residents.

The Red Cross continues to be ready to provide for the emergency disaster caused needs of people facing disasters such as the Fox Ridge fire. Trained Disaster Action Teams are on call throughout the holiday weekend. The Red Cross is able to respond immediately in situations such as this due to the generosity of the public. You can help people affected by disasters like house and apartment fires, by donating to the American Red Cross Disaster Relief Fund. On those rare occasions when donations exceed Red Cross expenses for a specific disaster, contributions are used to prepare for and serve victims of other disasters. Your gift enables the Red Cross to provide shelter, food, counseling and other assistance to victims of all disasters. Call 1-800-RED-CROSS (1-800-733-2767) or 1-800-257-7575 (Spanish). Contributions to the Disaster Relief Fund may be sent to your **local American Red Cross chapter** or to the American Red Cross, P. O. Box 37243, Washington, DC 20013. Internet users can make a secure online contribution by visiting [www.redcross.org](http://www.redcross.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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