

Your gift at work



The Hwang Family

16 year-old Hanna Kim was home sick from school when she smelled smoke coming from the garage. Ashes recently cleaned from the fireplace had caught fire in a garbage can and quickly spread, causing significant damage to the Westerville family's apartment.

There were no injuries as a result of the fire, but this South Korean family had no renter's insurance and turned to the American Red Cross for help.

"We provide the Hwang family with the basic necessities to get back on their feet including clothes, shoes, coats, food and a place to stay immediately following the fire," said Jim Sage, member of The American Red Cross Disaster Action Team who met with the Hwang family shortly after the fire. "We also provided this family of four with comfort kits containing basic toiletries, a fire clean-up kit for their home and a Red Cross blanket." American Red Cross disaster relief is provided to assist families suffering from disaster in beginning the recovery process. It starts with meeting their most basic, immediate needs including food, clothing and shelter. After the initial shock is worn off, many families are instructed to come to the Red Cross offices to meet with a caseworker who can then provide them with information on continuing their recovery.

In a letter written to Jim Sage, and the rest of the disaster action team members responding to their fire, the Hwang family writes, "My family and I appreciate your kindness. Because of your help, we are doing fine now. Thank you so much for everything."



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