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## **A Westerville woman heads to Kansas for tornado response**

May 8, 2007 – The American Red Cross of Greater Columbus will send a second worker to Kansas to aid in the Red Cross relief effort there.

Alice Ferrell, of Westerville (zip: 43081), will arrive at Columbus International Airport Wednesday at 8:45 a.m. for a 10:40 a.m. flight to Kansas. Once there, she will join other Red Crossers from across Kansas and neighboring states that are providing safe shelter, food and relief services for those affected by the tornado and the flooding.

Red Cross workers have set up emergency shelters in the affected Kansas counties, providing food, water and other services.

Raymond Collier, Director of Emergency Services at the American Red Cross of Greater Columbus has been in KS for nearly 24-hours and has seen the devastation up close. While on a tour of the City of Greensburg, Collier explained to colleagues on the phone, "There's nothing here... it's flattened. " He continued, "I've never seen anything like this."

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All American Red Cross disaster assistance is free, made possible by voluntary donations of time and money from the American people. You can help the victims of this and thousands of other disasters across the country each year by making a financial gift to the American Red Cross Disaster Relief Fund, which enables the Red Cross to provide, shelter, food, counseling and other assistance to those in need. Call 1-800-HELP NOW or 1-800-257-7575 (Spanish). Contributions to the Disaster Relief Fund may be sent to the American Red Cross of Greater Columbus, 995 East Broad St., Columbus, OH 43205 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).

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**NOTE: Collier may be available for phone interviews on Thursday. Alice Ferrell will be available for live interviews at the airport Wednesday morning. Please contact Lynn Cook for scheduling.**