



**American
Red Cross**

of Greater Columbus

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For up-to-date information on the American Red Cross response to Hurricane Gustav, please visit <http://hurricanegustav.wordpress.com>. Here you will find the latest information on preparations being made in anticipation of Gustav hitting land. Photos, video and other resources will be made available on this site as the story develops.

Locally, the American Red Cross of Greater Columbus has sent two volunteers and its Emergency Response Vehicle to a staging area in Mississippi. There they will wait until Gustav comes ashore and the Red Cross determines where help is needed.

Should additional local Red Cross volunteers accept a disaster assignment, you will be notified.

You can help the victims of thousands of disasters across the country each year, disasters like Hurricane Gustav, by making a financial gift to the American Red Cross Disaster Relief Fund. This Fund enables the Red Cross to provide shelter, food, counseling and other assistance to victims of disasters. The American Red Cross honors donor intent. If you wish to designate your donation to a specific disaster please do so at the time of your donation.

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The American Red Cross of Greater Columbus is dedicated to helping make families and communities safer at home and around the world. Sustained by over 600 volunteers, the Red Cross provides assistance to more than 500 families each year after home fires and other disasters strike. Last year the organization trained and educated more than 97,000 area residents in vital lifesaving skills like first aid, CPR and how to prepare for emergencies. The Red Cross also sent more than 800 emergency messages between members of the military and their families. The community transportation program provides rides to medical appointments for seniors and individuals with disabilities, logging more than 19,600 trips last year. All these programs and more are made possible by the donations of time and money from the greater Columbus community.

Michael Carroll is the CEO of the American Red Cross of Greater Columbus and Mary Navarro serves as the board chair.