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***AMERICAN RED CROSS OPENS SHELTERS IN DELTA***

**Clinton (MS) May 12, 2011**– As flooding continues to threaten communities along the Mississippi and Yazoo rivers, the American Red Cross has opened four shelters in the Mississippi Delta:

North Greenwood Baptist Church  
615 Grand Boulevard, Greenwood 38930

Gymnasium, Yazoo County Jr. High School  
6781 Highway 49 Frontage Road, Yazoo City 39194

Hawkins United Methodist Church  
3736 Halls Ferry Road, Vicksburg 39180

G.W. Henderson Senior Rec Center  
1165 Abbay, Tunica 38676

Red Cross volunteers are providing warm meals, a safe place to stay for now, and a shoulder to lean on for those with immediate, disaster-caused needs. Anyone evacuating to a Red Cross shelter should bring essential items for each member of the family:

- Prescriptions and emergency medications
- Foods that meet unusual dietary requirements
- Identification to show residence is in affected area and important personal documents
- Extra clothing, pillows, blankets, hygiene supplies and other comfort items
- Supplies needed for children and infants, such as diapers, formula and toys
- Special items for family members who are elderly or disabled

Let your family know you are safe. Register on the American Red Cross [Safe and Well](http://www.redcross.org/safeandwell) website through [www.redcross.org/safeandwell](http://www.redcross.org/safeandwell).

For more information on flood and tornado preparedness, contact your local chapter of the American Red Cross at [www.redcross.org](http://www.redcross.org) or [www.cruzrojaamericana.org](http://www.cruzrojaamericana.org) or call 1-800 REDCROSS. We urge you to share these Red Cross preparedness tips with every member of your household because the best protection is to be prepared ahead of time.

*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 life-saving 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, please visit [www.redcross.org](http://www.redcross.org) or join our blog at [www.redcrosschat.org](http://www.redcrosschat.org)*

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