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## **RED CROSS PROVIDING SHELTER FOR PAHOA FAMILY DISPLACED FROM HOME DAMAGED BY HIGH WINDS**

**HILO, HI (December 10, 2011)** – American Red Cross volunteers responded earlier today to a residence in the Hawaiian Beaches subdivision of Pahoia that was damaged during high winds and rain. American Red Cross will be providing shelter for a family of four whose home was damaged by a fallen tree. Red Cross volunteers went to the scene to ensure the immediate emergency needs of anyone affected, such as shelter, food and clothing, were met. Caseworkers will continue to follow up with anyone affected in the coming weeks to provide referrals, guidance or additional assistance as needed to help with the recovery process.

The Red Cross encourages all families to make a disaster plan to include an evacuation plan with two different routes of escape, a communications plan to help families reconnect after disaster and a disaster supplies kit that is readily available to aid in a quick evacuation. Information on developing a family plan is available to the public at [www.redcross.org](http://www.redcross.org), or a brochure can be requested by calling 734-2101.

The Red Cross is a non-profit humanitarian organization which provides assistance for immediate emergency needs of those affected by disasters. All Red Cross assistance to disaster victims is free. The Red Cross is not a government agency but depends on public contributions to help others. Your gift supports the lifesaving mission of the American Red Cross in your community, across the country and around the world. To send a contribution, mail your check to:

*American Red Cross, Hawaii State Chapter  
55 Ululani St., Hilo, HI 96720*

Make a secure online donation at [www.hawaii.redcross.org](http://www.hawaii.redcross.org) or call: (808) 739-8109

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