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RED CROSS RESPONDING TO FIRE IN HAWAIIAN ACRES

HILO, HI (December 21, 2009) – Volunteers with the American Red Cross responding to a residential fire reported in Hawaiian Acres caused by a lightening strike this past weekend. Red Cross disaster volunteers are heading to the scene to meet with affected residents and ensure their immediate emergency needs for food, shelter and clothing are 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, 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. All Red Cross assistance to disaster victims is free. The Red Cross is not a government agency; it depends on public contributions to help others. To help the Red Cross assist victims of this and other local disasters, send a contribution to:

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Make a secure online donation at www.hawaiiredcross.org Or call: (808) 739-8109

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