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FOUR MORE HAWAII RED CROSS VOLUNTEERS DEPLOY TO SUPPORT TORNADO RELIEF EFFORTS

HONOLULU, May 3, 2011 - Four additional Hawaii Red Cross volunteers from Kauai and Honolulu are heading to Alabama this afternoon to help with tornado relief efforts. The Hawaii Chapter has sent 11 volunteers total from every county to southern states that were ravaged by a series of devastating twisters last week. Patty Kalihier of Kauai is set to travel this evening along with Jessie Kozel, Penny Lindsey and Janice Olbrich of Honolulu.

The American Red Cross continues its 24/7 relief efforts in the tornado-ravaged South and is closely watching rising rivers in the Midwest following more storms there.

Nearly 1,000 people spent Sunday night in one of the 61 Red Cross shelters open throughout the South; this includes more than 400 people in Alabama, one of the most severely hit states by last week's deadly tornadoes.

In Alabama, Red Cross emergency response vehicles are traveling through neighborhoods to provide families hot meals and a comforting word. The Red Cross is also distributing thousands of comfort kits, and is working with Save the Children to distribute infant and children's supplies.

Relief efforts also continue in Mississippi, Georgia, Tennessee and Virginia, where the Red Cross has been providing food and cleanup supplies to affected residents.

The Hawaii State Chapter volunteers are part of a national network of Red Cross disaster volunteers who are trained to deploy to large relief operations for up to three week assignments. Community members interested in becoming disaster volunteers should contact their nearest Red Cross office or visit the chapter's web site at www.hawaiiredcross.org. All Red Cross disaster training is open to the public and offered at no cost.

The Red Cross depends on financial donations to help in times of disaster, both here in the United States and around the world. Those who want to help can make a donation to support American Red Cross Disaster Relief. To make a donation, visit www.hawaiiredcross.org or call 1-800-RED-CROSS. To send a contribution, mail your check to:

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