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PRESS RELEASE

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RED CROSS RESPONSE TO FIRE IN KOLOA

HONOLULU, August 18, 2011 - Volunteers with the American Red Cross responded yesterday to a brushfire in Koloa that affected 4 residences. Red Cross volunteers provided direct assistance to a multi-generational family with 5 adults and 3 children whose home was deemed uninhabitable. Caseworkers at the scene provided the family with temporary housing, food, clothing and other household goods. Caseworkers will continue to follow up with the family to ensure their immediate needs are met, and to provide referrals to assist with their disaster recovery.

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 to meet the 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; it 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:

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