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NEWS RELEASE
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**HURRICANE IRENE:
RED CROSS OPENS FOUR EMERGENCY SHELTERS TODAY**
Concord, NH, Saturday, August 27, 2011

Open Shelters: The American Red Cross in New Hampshire is opening four shelters today in Kingston, Nashua, Keene and Bow. All shelters will be **open at 6 pm** this evening. Anyone who needs to leave their home due to the effects of this weekend's storm can come to any of these shelters.

The shelters are located at

Keene Recreation Center
312 Washington Street
Keene

Nashua High School "North"
16 Chuck Druding Drive
Nashua

Bow High School
32 White Rock Hill Road
Bow

Sanborn Regional High School
17 Danville Road
Kingston

Cots will be provided at the shelters, as well as meals for shelter residents. Red Cross staff and volunteers will be available to provide disaster information and a comforting word if needed. The Red Cross shelters are staffed at all times of day or night for as long as they are open.

If you come to one of the shelters, **please bring** items that you will need for your time at the shelter, including bedding or a sleeping bag if possible; a pillow, towel and toiletries; personal medications; any other needed personal care items.

The Red Cross shelters will accept dogs and cats, but it is important to bring a carrying container or crate where your pet will stay; a leash; your pet's food; a bowl for food and water; and any bedding that your pet will need. Pets are kept in an area separate from the shelter residents.

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How You Can Help:

If you would like to help support American Red Cross Disaster Relief, please click, text or call to donate. Your gift brings hope to those in need. It enables the Red Cross to prepare for and provide shelter, food, emotional support and other assistance in response to disasters.

Visit www.redcross.org, call 1-800-RED CROSS, or text the word REDCROSS to 90999 to make a \$10 donation. Contributions may also be sent to the American Red Cross in New Hampshire at P.O. Box 2528, Concord, NH 03302.

About the American Red Cross:

The American Red Cross shelters, feeds and provides emotional support to victims of disasters; supplies nearly half of the nation's blood; teaches lifesaving skills; provides international humanitarian aid; and supports military members and their families. For more information, please visit www.redcross.org or join our blog at <http://blog.redcross.org>.

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