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## SRNS Helps Red Cross Assist Disaster Victims

*When tragedy strikes our friends and families, the American Red Cross is trained, equipped and ready to provide immediate aid*

AIKEN, S.C. (Dec. 14, 2011) – Savannah River Nuclear Solutions, LLC (SRNS) has donated \$25,000 to the Aiken Chapter of the American Red Cross to ensure that prompt and effective aid is available when devastating tragedy strikes, such as a sudden loss of a home due to fire, tornado or flood.

“SRNS truly believes in supporting organizations like the American Red Cross whose impact on the lives of those in need is immediate and extremely effective,” said Clif Webb, SRNS Vice President, Corporate Communications.

Lindsay Findley, Executive Director, American Red Cross, Aiken County Chapter explains that working with disaster victims can be emotionally challenging. “It’s heart wrenching to look into the eyes of a victim and to see the worry etched across their face, knowing that virtually everything they own is gone,” said Findley. “When you can hug them and say ‘It’s going to be all right’ and then back it up with material help, it’s so rewarding.”



SRNS Vice President Corporate Communications Clif Webb (right) presents Lindsay Findley, Executive Director, American Red Cross, Aiken County Chapter, with a \$25,000 check to be used for the chapter's general operating expenses, funding that will assist disaster victims such as the Sonia Williams family (background) who recently lost their home to fire in North Augusta.

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“But we can only help to the extent that others, like our friends at SRNS, so generously assist us through donations of time and money,” added Findley.

Eight to 10 house and apartment fires occur each month in Aiken County. Historically, December has been a hard month for house fires due to the electrical hazard posed by holiday decorations.

The Red Cross provides families affected by a disaster with lodging and a client assistance card to purchase food, clothes, shoes, infant supplies and replacement medications. Emotional counseling is also available.

“We were absolutely devastated,” said North Augusta Resident Sonia Williams whose family of ten recently found themselves on the street watching their house burn to the ground.

According to Williams, workers from the Red Cross seemed to almost magically appear. “We went from total loss to finding hope and a way to begin to rebuild our lives through the help offered by the Red Cross,” said Williams. “We’re so grateful.”

All American Red Cross disaster assistance is provided free of charge. The organization relies totally on voluntary donations of time, money and blood to do its work.

“Our disaster action team and emergency response vehicle quickly responded to the fire, initially providing aid and then temporary lodging for the family,” added Findley.

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