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SRNS Donates \$25,000 to Purchase Disaster Relief Vehicle for American Red Cross, Aiken County Chapter

Servicing those in need within a five-county region of South Carolina

AIKEN, S.C. – (Oct. 9, 2012) Savannah River Nuclear Solutions, LLC (SRNS), recognizing the need for prompt disaster relief for area residents, recently contributed \$25,000 towards the purchase of a first response, disaster relief vehicle for the Aiken County Chapter of the American Red Cross.

This vehicle has strengthened the Aiken County Chapter's ability to respond to disasters in Aiken, Allendale, Bamberg, Barnwell and Edgefield Counties.

"We are all vulnerable to disasters that could suddenly impact our family, such as a fire or tornado that destroys nearly all we own," said Dwayne Wilson, SRNS President & CEO. "The service provided by the Aiken County Chapter of the American Red Cross in these situations is crucial and an invaluable asset for communities throughout the counties they serve."



Savannah River Nuclear Solutions (SRNS) Senior Vice President Alice Doswell (left) and SRNS President & CEO Dwayne Wilson present a new rapid response vehicle to assist with Red Cross disaster relief activities to Lindsay Findley, Executive Director, American Red Cross, Aiken Area Chapter.

The American Red Cross assists families that have been affected by disasters 24 hours a day, seven days a week. "Red Cross volunteers meet with families at all hours of the day and often during the middle of the night.

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SRNS' sponsorship of this new vehicle provides our staff with the ability to safely send volunteers to disaster clients at a moment's notice," said Lindsay Findley, Executive Director, Aiken County Chapter. "Disaster Relief Services Partners are among the most valuable supporters of the American Red Cross, and SRNS is now in its second year of partnership with our chapter."

Red Cross staff and volunteers concentrate on meeting disaster victims' immediate needs following a local disaster though the chapter offers five different lines of service.

Every client is offered a hand-knit blanket to keep warm, a kit full of toiletries, temporary lodging for three nights, emotional counseling, and financial assistance to replace food, clothing, shoes and medications that may have been lost in a disaster. They focus on returning victims back to normal daily activities and fulfilling long-term recovery plans.

With the help of SRNS, Aiken County Chapter volunteers were recently able to assist Heath Brown and his family after their home caught on fire. Heath is an active-duty service member whose extended family lives out of state. The Red Cross was able to comfort Heath, his wife and their two young children by providing them with a place to stay, shelter for their pets and other essential items to get through the first few days. "SRNS' Disaster Relief Services Partnership and sponsorship of the Chapter's vehicle played a significant role in not only helping the Brown family, but also in several other response efforts. The Red Cross relies on leadership donors in order to fulfill its mission every day. SRNS has certainly chosen and proven to be a leader in our community with this generous donation, and for that, the Red Cross and our clients are grateful," said Findley.

The American Red Cross shelters, feeds and provides emotional support to victims of disasters; supplies more than 40 percent of the nation's blood; teaches skills that save lives; provides international humanitarian aid; and supports military members and their families. The Red Cross is a not-for-profit organization that depends on volunteers and the generosity of the American public to perform its mission. For more information, visit [redcross.org](https://www.redcross.org) or call 803-641-4152.

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