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San Antonio Area Foundation Commits \$100,000 Matching Grant to the American Red Cross for Flood Disaster Relief

Community is encouraged to donate as part of effort to help neighbors suffering devastating losses from flooding

SAN ANTONIO (June 3, 2015) – The San Antonio Area Foundation will match donations to the American Red Cross Serving Greater San Antonio up to \$100,000 to help people affected by the Texas Spring Storms.

The funding is from the John L. Santikos Charitable Foundation, a fund of the San Antonio Area Foundation, to honor Mr. Santikos' wish to support victims of disasters. The funding will be designated for disaster relief efforts in Bandera, Bexar, Comal, Kendall and Medina counties.

More than 2,200 Red Cross workers have been working around the clock in Texas since early May, serving more than 73,000 meals and snacks, distributing more than 62,000 relief items and providing more than 2,000 overnight stays in shelters. Officials estimate 8,000 residences have been affected and 45 Red Cross emergency response vehicles are traveling through the impacted neighborhoods, distributing food, water and relief supplies.

“The disaster response efforts here and in Oklahoma are now the largest and most complex operations for the American Red Cross since Superstorm Sandy”, said Monica L. Reyes, Executive Director, American Red Cross Serving Greater San Antonio. “The Red Cross is going to be here in the coming days, weeks and months, helping Texas families get back on their feet. We cannot thank the San Antonio Area Foundation enough for supporting this response.”

“With the recent flooding affecting our neighbors and community, we are pleased to offer our support to the American Red Cross with a matching gift through the John L. Santikos Charitable Foundation, a fund of the San Antonio Area Foundation. We sincerely hope that this gift will prompt others to give, coming together as one community during a time of great need,” said Dennis E. Noll, President & CEO, San Antonio Area Foundation.

Make your gift online at redcross.org, text REDCROSS to 90999 to automatically donate \$10 to Disaster Relief or call 1-800-RED-CROSS. You can also mail gifts to: American Red Cross, 3642 East Houston Street, San Antonio, TX 78219.

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About the San Antonio Area Foundation:

The San Antonio Area Foundation, established in 1964, is San Antonio's community foundation, which invests in the future of the community by coordinating resources to create positive change. The Area Foundation makes grants from funds established by individuals, families, businesses or other entities to support charitable causes in our community. The Area Foundation manages nearly \$280 million in assets and has distributed more than \$260 million for grants and scholarships to educate youth, preserve the environment, protect animals, fund research and provide services that enhance the quality of life for people living in and around San Antonio. saafdn.org and Twitter [@saafdn](https://twitter.com/saafdn)

About the John L. Santikos Charitable Foundation:

The John L. Santikos Charitable Foundation, a fund of the San Antonio Area Foundation, makes a difference in the San Antonio area through charitable giving in the form of grants and scholarships to disaster relief efforts and nonprofits working in the areas of arts and education, health and wellness services and biomedical research. In 2015, the Foundation plans to distribute approximately \$6 million.

About the American Red Cross:

The American Red Cross shelters, feeds and provides emotional support to victims of disasters; supplies about 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, please visit redcross.org or visit us on Twitter at [@RedCross](https://twitter.com/RedCross).