

**From the AMERICAN RED CROSS, MIDSOUTH CHAPTER**  
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## **Local Red Cross Provides Hot Meals and Shelter in Hickory Hill**

The agency will open a Service Center at the Hickory Hill Community Center, 3910 Ridgeway, tomorrow Feb. 9.

Memphis, TN (Feb. 8, 2008) - Staff members and volunteers from the Mid-South Chapter of the American Red Cross were among the first responders to calls for assistance and continue to be on the scene offering help to victims of the deadly tornadoes and relief workers.

For the past several days the Red Cross' Emergency Response Vehicle has been offering mobile feeding in the Hickory Hill area and a **shelter** has been opened at the **Ridgeway Assembly of God Church located at 3150 Ridgeway**. Shelter personnel are offering meals to storm victims during the lunch (noon) and dinner hours (5:30 p.m.) Those who were affected by the recent storms and need a place to stay during the evening hours are urged to register with shelter personnel by 8 p.m. in the evening.

To aid those in our community with their recovery efforts, beginning Saturday, February 9, and continuing through Monday, February 11, a Service Center will be opened at the Hickory Hill Civic Center, located at 3910 Ridgeway. Those seeking assistance are asked to bring three forms of identification validating proof of residence. Several relief organizations will be on hand to offer client assistance.

**Service Center Hours:**  
**Saturday and Sunday: 9 a.m. - 3:30 p.m.**  
**Monday: 9 a.m. - noon**

All disaster relief assistance offered by the American Red Cross is free to the public and made available through the generosity of the community it serves. You can help those in our community recover from this and thousands of other disasters by making a donation to the American Red Cross. If you would like to make a financial donation to the American Red Cross, please call 1-800-RED CROSS, 1-800-435-7669 or 1-800-257-7575-Spanish. You can make a secure online donation at [www.midsouthredcross.org](http://www.midsouthredcross.org) or at [www.redcross.org](http://www.redcross.org). For more information on how you can make a financial donation to the American Red Cross contact Lauren Shepard at 901-726-1690, ext. 1111 or via email at [shepardl@midsouthredcross.org](mailto:shepardl@midsouthredcross.org).