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**(Neb.)-Local American Red Cross Volunteers Assist In Colorado**



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(OMAHA)-Three well-trained volunteers with the Nebraska/SW Iowa Region of the American Red Cross have left the comforts of their homes for the devastated regions of Colorado that have been hit hard by flash flooding. A volunteer from Chadron, Lincoln and Omaha left for Colorado on Sunday to provide support and comfort to those who have been affected by the flooding, while also providing for their basic needs.

Heavy rains have caused historic flooding in Larimer, Weld, Boulder, and Jefferson counties. The Red Cross has opened nine shelters and had more than 700 overnight stays Friday night alone.

The Red Cross is also working with partners such as the Salvation Army and Southern Baptist Convention to provide food and water for evacuees and emergency responders as well as providing support at a number of community-run evacuation points and shelters. Workers are providing food, snacks and water and offering health and emotional support to those impacted.

Parts of Colorado received as much as 12 inches of rain within a 24 hour period and just kept coming. Volunteers will continue to respond as needed and monitor the situation as it continues to develop.

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, visit [redcross.org](http://redcross.org) or on Twitter at @RedCross.

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