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SAN DIEGO, April 16, 2010 – The American Red of Cross San Diego/Imperial Counties continues to provide assistance to those affected by the earthquake that struck Imperial County on April 4, 2010.

The Red Cross has opened a new shelter to accommodate residents of Imperial County who were displaced by last week's earthquake. The Red Cross shelter located at Ryerson Hall at the Desert Trails RV Park in El Centro, is now closed. The new shelter is located at:

Imperial Valley College

380 E Aten Road

Imperial, CA 92251

Red Cross caseworkers are now in the field working with displaced individuals and families to establish how best to assist them. In addition, Red Cross community outreach teams are going into affected areas and canvassing neighborhoods to determine what Red Cross services are needed to help residents who are still in their homes. During a disaster, the Red Cross provides shelter, food, mental health counseling, emotional support, health service consultations, basic first aid services, clean-up supplies and comfort items.

You can help those in California whose lives have been changed by the April 4th earthquake and other disasters nationwide by donating to the National Disaster Relief Fund or to the International Relief Fund to assist those affected in Mexicali, Mexico and by other disasters worldwide. Please visit www.sdarc.org to make an online donation. You can also mail your donation to the American Red Cross - 3950 Calle Fortunada – San Diego, CA 92123.

About the American Red Cross, San Diego and Imperial Counties Chapter

The American Red Cross is not a government agency and relies on the generosity of the American people to provide our programs and services. The San Diego/Imperial Counties Chapter is leading the effort to make San Diego and Imperial Counties "America's most prepared communities." With the public's ongoing support we provide life saving preparedness training; disaster relief services; 24-hour emergency services to deployed military personnel and their families; and nutritional counseling through our Women, Infants and Children (WIC) program. For more information about or to support the chapter please contact (858) 309-1200 or visit www.sdarc.org.

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