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## ***Salvation Army, American Red Cross, and USDA Announce Partnership Housing Program To Assist Chapman Residents***

**Chapman** - The Salvation Army, American Red Cross, and USDA Rural Development today announced a new partnership to help support families affected by the Chapman tornado. The partnership will include the contribution of joint funding to assist those displaced by the June 11<sup>th</sup> tornado with utility and security deposit assistance. This joint venture will assist those moving into rental housing financed by USDA Rural Development under the Agency's *Multi-family Housing Program*.

"USDA Rural Development is very pleased to partner with the Salvation Army and American Red Cross to assist Chapman area residents in their efforts to obtain safe, affordable housing. Residents displaced by the tornado need affordable housing, and this innovative partnership and resulting funding will provide displaced residents with financial resources to pay for required tenant security deposits and utility hook-ups in apartments financed by the Agency," remarked USDA Rural Development State Director Chuck Banks.

"Working with the American Red Cross and USDA Rural Development is a fantastic opportunity to leverage contributions from donors to the disaster fund and stretch those funds to do the most good," said Debra Abner of the Salvation Army.

"Working with the Salvation Army and USDA Rural Development demonstrates how non-profit organizations and Federal agencies can form partnerships to utilize resources of each to leverage benefits and services to help benefit those in need," said Ken Stout of the American Red Cross.

Individuals interested in learning more about this partnership are encouraged to contact the Agency at 785-207-1163 or at [tim.rogers@ks.usda.gov](mailto:tim.rogers@ks.usda.gov). Information on all USDA Rural Development programs assisting with the area's recovery is available at the Agency's information table located at the American Legion building in Chapman.

USDA Rural Development's mission is to deliver programs that support increasing economic opportunities and enhancing the quality of life for rural Americans. USDA Rural Development provides equity and technical assistance to finance and foster growth in homeownership, business development, and critical community and technology infrastructure in rural America. Since 2001, USDA Rural Development has delivered over \$1.2 billion for Kansas covering all Agency programs, supporting well over \$6 billion in future economic development for the Sunflower State.

For additional information regarding USDA Rural Development programs, interested parties may call the Agency's state headquarters at 785-271-2700 or log onto the state's USDA Rural Development website at: [www.rurdev.usda.gov/ks](http://www.rurdev.usda.gov/ks)

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