Resource Guide

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IA

Northwest Junior High

Shelter · Standby

Red Cross Flood Evacuation Shelter, School

1507 8th Street, Coralville, IA

Phone (319) 688–1060
Serves Johnson County
Eligibility Flood Evacuee – 6/08 MidWest Storms
Service Temporary

Shelters Press Release: Iowa 6.27.08

Red Cross Combining Shelters

CEDAR RAPIDS, Iowa, Friday, June 27, 2008 – As more flood evacuees find long–term temporary accommodations, the population of American Red Cross evacuation shelters in the Coralville/Iowa City area is dropping. As a result, the remaining residents of a shelter at North West Junior High School in Coralville are moving today to the shelter in Building A at the Johnson County Fairgrounds, 4261 Oakcrest Hill Road SE, Iowa City.

Residents of the area who find they need shelter because of flooding can also go to the fairgrounds location.

Four Red Cross shelters remain open in eastern Iowa:
• University of Northern Iowa, West Gymnasium, 2501 Minnesota St., Cedar Falls
• Viola Gibson Elementary School, 6101 Gibson Drive NE, Cedar Rapids
• Prairie High School, 401 76th Ave., Cedar Rapids
• Johnson County Fairgrounds, 4261 Oakcrest Hill Road SE, Building A, Iowa City

“It’s a good sign for this area, that people who were displaced by the flooding are finding longer–term housing and can move on from the evacuation shelters,” said Bruce Miller, who is in charge of the Red Cross shelter operations in eastern Iowa and the Quad Cities area.

“We were glad to be able to provide so many people with a safe place to stay, but we recognize that a big public shelter is not most people’s idea of home.”

(This shelter was open from 6/13–6/27/08)

Services offered: School, Jr High, Middle School; Shelter * (ANY/ALL Types); Shelter, Evacuation Shelter; Support for "All" Disasters
Campaigns: 2008 MidWest Floods; American Red Cross / Int'l Federation of RC / ICRC / IFRC
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Emergency Management Agency (Johnson County, IA)

Info/Hotline · Open

County

511 South Capitol Street, Iowa City, IA 52240

Phone (319) 356–6028 / After Hours: 319–356–6020 (Sheriff's Office routine business)
Web www.johnson–county.com/emergencymgmt/index.shtml
Serves Johnson County, IA
Service Temporary

Johnson County EMA is presently recruiting volunteer emergency management staff. For details contact Dave Wilson at (319) 356–6028.

Johnson County's Emergency Management is responsible for the coordination of the Emergency Response activities of various law enforcement and fire departments, the Hazardous Material Response Team, hospital, medical and ambulance services, as well as Red Cross, Salvation Army, Health and Human Services agencies.

The County Emergency Management Agency (EMA) is the operating arm of the Johnson County Emergency Management Commission. The Commission is made up of the 11 mayors or their representative, the Sheriff or his or her representative, and a member of the Board of Supervisors.

The EMA staff consists of two full–time employees. In order to fulfill its mission, the EMA staff is supported by the various departments and agencies listed above. These agencies supply a career and volunteer staff, which fluctuates between 450 and 500 professional emergency responders.

A major function of the Emergency Management Agency is to support the responder agencies in safeguarding Johnson County during periods of disaster. The assistance given by EMA falls to four main categories, namely: Mitigation, Preparation, Response, and Recovery.

In the long run, mitigation is the most important of these support functions. Hopefully, by mitigation, that is the eliminating or lessening of the impact of future disasters, we can reduce the suffering and financial loss for County residents.

Through preparedness, Johnson County Emergency Management employees are constantly involved in Federal (FEMA) and State sponsored Emergency Management training courses. Additionally, the Johnson Emergency Management Agency assists and helps coordinate the activities, training and emergency exercises of local organizations.

Services offered: Documentation, Disaster Preparedness Guidance, Community Groups; Documentation, Disaster Preparedness Guidance, Individual/Family; First Responder, MidWest Region; Services, Disaster Mitigation; Services, Disaster Recovery ; Services, Disaster Response; Support for "All" Disasters; Training * (ANY/ALL Types of Instruction) ; Training Classes, Disaster Preparedness; Training Classes, Disaster Recovery
Campaigns: 2008 MidWest Floods; EMA (Emergency Management Agency) Regional/County; Government, FEMA / Department of Homeland Security; Government, State/County
Updated Jan 2, 2009 · https://reliefdb.org/shelters/3448

Four Oaks At Risk Youth Shelter Iowa City

Shelter · Open

Children/Special Needs Shelter
1916 Waterfront Drive, Iowa City, IA 52440

Phone 319–337–4523
Web www.fouroaks.org
Hours varies
Serves Iowa City
Service Temporary

Please see https://reliefdb.org/shelters/3505 for organization's full overview and donation wish list.

Program Overview

The Four Oaks Shelter program provides emergency and temporary care, as well as supervision, to runaway, homeless, and transitional children ages 11 through 18. Referred youth may be victims of abuse, neglect, exploitation, violence, emotionally disturbed, behaviorally disordered, runaways, homeless, alleged delinquents who do not require a secure setting or any youth in similar crisis situations that may place them at risk.

Shelter programming components include behavior management, recreation and education. The program also offers a comprehensive psychosocial diagnostic and evaluation service to assist decision makers in developing appropriate treatment plans for troubled children and families.

The Shelter program is used as an entry point into a variety of placement settings and services and as a transition between out of home placements and home.

Length of stay is intended to be no longer than 30 days, by which time permanent placement arrangements should be made.

The Four Oaks Shelter program is located in Independence and Iowa City.
Independence Youth Shelter

Program Capacity: 15 youth, co–ed, ages 12–18
Facility Location: Independence
Youth Emergency Shelter (YES)
Program Capacity: 10 youth, co–

Services offered: Assistance * (ANY Type of: Referrals or "How to" Assistance); Assistance, Referrals, Youth Services; Community, Recreation, Recreational Programs; Services *0* (Choose this if You Provide or Need ANY Type of Social Services); Services, Family, Children * (ANY/ALL Types of Childrens Services); Services, Homeless, Services for the Homeless; Shelter * (ANY/ALL Types); Shelter, Emergency Shelter, Youth Focused; Youth Program
Campaigns: Homelessness Relief Services
Updated Dec 26, 2008 · https://reliefdb.org/shelters/3506

Johnson County Crisis Center

Walk–in Resource · Open

Food Bank
1121 Gilbert Court, Iowa City, IA 52240

Phone 319–351–0140
Web www.jccrisiscenter.org/index.php
Hours Monday – Friday 12:00–4:30pm
Serves Johnson Co., IA
Service Temporary

If you are in need of immediate assistance, you may call (319) 351–0140.

If you are in need of food assistance, volunteers are available from 12–4:30p.m. Monday through Friday. No appointment is necessary and all Johnson County residents in need are eligible for ongoing food assistance. In an emergency, food bank services may be accessed through the Crisis Line (319) 351–0140.

The Johnson County Crisis Center is currently being supported by the following donors that have food donation collection sites:

St. Mary's Catholic Church: http://www.icstmary.org/ (See CAT Facility Record entry at: https://reliefdb.org/shelters/edit/3245)

Coral Ridge Mall: http://www.2008flood.org/index.php (See CAT Facility Record entry at: https://reliefdb.org/shelters/3244)

St. Raphael of Brooklyn: http://www.straphaelorthodoxchurch.org/ (See CAT facility record: https://reliefdb.org/shelters/3243)

Top 10 Suggested Donations to Food Bank

1. Canned Fruit
2. Canned Vegetables
3. Canned Meat
4. Canned Soup
5. Pasta
6. Jam or Jelly
7. Toilet Paper
8. Rice
9. Potato Products
10. Juice

We also happily accept Perishable Food items such as Fresh Fruit, Vegetables, and Meats due to our Walk–In Refrigerator and Freezer. We are happy to accommodate large amounts of food donations, just call ahead at 319.351.0128 to ensure adequate volunteer support.

All services are free and confidential. Most services are available 24 hours every day of the year.

Crisis Intervention Counseling is available 24 hours a day, every day of the year to anyone needing support and assistance. Just call 351–0140 to talk with our caring volunteers. Face–to–face counseling is available from 9 a.m. to 11 p.m. We receive about 7,000 Crisis Intervention contacts each year from area residents.

Information and Referral are provided for almost any need, issue, or question. We make referrals to other agencies and services. Call 351–0140. See also this list with links to frequently referred local services.

Suicide Prevention, Intervention, and Postvention services are available. Counseling and support are available by telephone 24 hours a day at 351–0140 for persons contemplating suicide, those who have attempted suicide, and concerned friends and family members.

Food Bank services are available to residents of Johnson County needing emergency and supplemental food assistance. Food is distributed on Monday through Friday from noon to 4:30 p.m. About 650 households receive food and other material support from the Center each week. More than 4,100 local families request assistance each year.

Free Clothing is provided through agreements with Goodwill Industries and the Crowded Closet. This service is made possible through the donation of usable clothing at the Crowded Closet and area Goodwill stores.

Project Holiday food baskets are distributed to more than 1,000 local families each December. The food baskets contain items, including a turkey or a ham, to help provide a special holiday meal.

Transient Services are provided to people who are stranded in our community. Information and referrals are provided, as well as transportation assistance with gasoline, a bus ticket, or minor car repair.

Services offered: Assistance * (ANY Type of: Referrals or "How to" Assistance); Assistance, How to Find, Emergency Food Assistance; Distribution * (ANY/ALL Types); Distribution, Supplies, Local Distribution of Supplies; Donations, Coordination, Large Donation Coordination; First Responder, MidWest Region; Food, Canned ** (ANY/ALL Types) ; Food Distribution, Emergency/ Disaster Food Distribution; Food Distribution, Food Bank (Public Distribution Available); Food, Fresh, Fruit * (ANY/ALL Types); Food, Fresh, Meat * (ANY/ALL Types); Food, Fresh, Vegetables * (ANY/ALL Types); Food, Non–Perishable Food * (ANY/ALL Types of Canned, Dry, Drinks, Snacks); Paper, Paper Goods * (ANY/ALL Types) (paper towels, plates, napkins, etc); Paper, Toilet Paper; Services, Disaster Relief; Training * (ANY/ALL Types of Instruction) ; Training Classes, Volunteer Orientation & Training; Volunteer Opportunities, In General * (ANY/ALL Types); Volunteers, Individual Volunteers (This facility accomodates Individuals Volunteers)
Campaigns: 2008 MidWest Floods; Goodwill; United Way
Updated Jun 28, 2010 · https://reliefdb.org/shelters/3242

Johnson County Fairgrounds

Shelter · Standby

Red Cross Flood Evacuation Shelter, Fairgrounds
4261 Oakcrest Hill Road SE, Building A, Iowa City, IA
Web grantwood–redcross.org/index.html?gwatitle.htm&1
Serves Johnson County

Eligibility Johnson County Flood Evacuees / Pets welcome by emergency only
Service Temporary

Closed date unknown

Red Cross – Grant Wood Chapter Update 6/10/08

The Red Cross opened a shelter in Building A at the Johnson County Fairgrounds, 4261 Oakcrest Hill Road SE, Building A, this afternoon to offer food and housing to those displaced by flooding. The shelter also was accepting pet animals on an emergency basis.

For assistance, call 319–393–3500 or 1–866–438–4636. Call 319–356–5295 to make arrangements for displaced pets.

SOURCE gazetteonline.com 6/11/08

The Iowa City Animal Shelter is tasked with both moving their current operations located in a flood prone area, and also caring for pets displaced by the flood on an emergency basis. Regular and emergency operations are moving to the Johnson County Fairgrounds area. Call the Animal Care office at 319–356–5295 to make arrangements in advance. Do not bring pets directly to the Fairgrounds.

SOURCE gazetteonline.com 6/12/08

The Iowa City Animal Care Center moved its 45 cats to the Johnson County Fairgrounds, and were prepared to move 14 dogs if Ralston Creek continued to rise, an animal control officer said.

Red Cross – Grant Wood Chapter website shelter update 6/13/08:

Iowa City:
Take animals to Johnson County Fairgrounds. There are pet facilities in the building next to the Red Cross shelter.

Services offered: Shelter, Animals, Small Pet/Animal Emergency/Evacuation Shelter; Shelter * (ANY/ALL Types); Support for "All Local" Disasters
Campaigns: 2008 MidWest Floods; American Red Cross / Int'l Federation of RC / ICRC / IFRC
Updated Jun 28, 2010 · https://reliefdb.org/shelters/3075

MidAmerican Energy

Info/Hotline · Open

Utility Company Shut Off Hotline
Iowa City, IA

Phone 1–888–427–5632
Hours 24/7
Eligibility Folks Who Need Power Shut Off Due to 6/08 Flooding
Service Temporary

The MidAmerican Energy phone number to call for shut–offs and other issues is 1–888–427–5632 (answered 24/7).

Services offered: Hotline * (ANY/ALL Types); Hotline, Disaster Recovery Services Hotline for Survivors
Campaigns: 2008 MidWest Floods
Updated Jun 12, 2008 · https://reliefdb.org/shelters/3103

Salvation Army, Disaster Response

Info/Hotline · Standby

Disaster Relief Services
1116 Gilbert Court, Iowa City, IA 52240

Phone (319) 337–3725 Captain Terry Smith
Hours Monday–Friday 9:30am–5:00pm
Serves Johnson County
Eligibility Flood Survivors – 6/08 MidWest Storms
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A part of the national Salvation Army, assistance is provided with mobile feeding canteens, spiritual support services, and basic needs provisions.

Services offered: Services, Disaster Relief
Campaigns: 2008 MidWest Floods
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United Way of Johnson County

Info/Hotline · Open

United Way
IA

Phone 319–337–VOLS (319–337–8657)
Web www.unitedwayjc.org
Hours 8:30 am – 5:30 pm daily
Serves Johnson Co., IA

Service Temporary

UNITED WAY OF JOHNSON COUNTY COORDINATES VOLUNTEER EFFORTS

United Way of Johnson County announced it will serve as a clearinghouse to match volunteers with flood recovery and clean–up efforts in Iowa City, Coralville, and surrounding communities. Beginning on Tuesday, June 24, both volunteers and people with clean–up needs may reach the Volunteer Center by calling 319–337–VOLS (319–337–8657). Phones answered 8:30am–5:30pm daily.

Services offered: Demographic Served: Survivors, Natural Disaster Impacted Communities
Campaigns: 2008 MidWest Floods; Americorp VISTA (Volunteers In Service To America); United Way
Updated Jan 12, 2010 · https://reliefdb.org/shelters/3246