

Ho-Chunk Nation donates to Red Cross disaster relief

The Ho-Chunk Nation showed its commitment to the community by delivering a truckload of bottled water to the American Red Cross Badger Chapter.

“This latest donation is our way of showing our dedication to helping those in need in communities across the state,” said Anne Thundercloud, Ho-Chunk public relations officer. “The Ho-Chunk Nation has a history of supporting the Red Cross. It’s a good feeling for us to be a part of their quick action and generous giving in times of need.”

“We cannot thank Ho-Chunk Nation enough for donating seven pallets of water in response to the massive flooding that hit our communities over the past two weeks,” said Tom Mooney, CEO American Red Cross Badger Chapter. “This act of kindness will provide a lot of hope as the Red Cross and its volunteers respond to the basic needs of those impacted.”

In addition to the truckload of bottled water, the Ho-Chunk Nation recently donated more than \$18,000 to the Red Cross to purchase two fully stocked disaster shelter trailers that were among the first on the scene during last month’s floods. Much of the donation money was used to support flood relief efforts including hotel stays, food supplies, clothing, cleanup kits and other expenses related to the flooding in Central Wisconsin. Other dollars were dedicated to lifeguard training and other Red Cross campaigns and programs.

Ho-Chunk Nation businesses are spread out across Wisconsin and many have contributed to the regional chapters of the American Red Cross including the Badger, Scenic Bluffs, and the North Central Wisconsin Chapters. The Ho-Chunk Nation government assisted Red Cross on an international level during the earthquake in Haiti. The Ho-Chunk are frequent hosts for Red Cross blood drives throughout their locations.

The Red Cross depends upon your donations to help in times of crisis. Visit www.redcross.org or call 800-RED-CROSS to learn more about giving opportunities.

Joseph Lujan, right, an employee from the Ho-Chunk Nation Distribution Center in Tomah and a Red Cross employee unload bottled water for the American Red Cross Badger Chapter in Madison.



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