

**RED CROSS REACHES OUT TO EPSOM FAMILY IN NEED OF
HELP**
***Neighbors Across New Hampshire Can Help by Donating to the
American Red Cross***

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CONCORD, NH, April 23, 2007 - On Sunday morning, Albert and Margaret Grandmont from Epsom, along the Suncook River, worried that flood waters were approaching fast. Although they were impacted by the Mother's Day flood last year, they were able to clean up and move back home after only a couple of days. But by mid-afternoon, streets had been transformed into rivers and homes, once places of safety and comfort, became places of destruction. The water was moving closer to the front door and it was apparent that they could no longer stay in their home. After the devastating Nor'easter moved out of the area, four feet of water stood in the Grandmont's home and they found themselves on cots at the Epsom Fire Department wondering what to do next.

With numerous health conditions, including a recent triple heart bypass as well as a hip replacement and tracheotomy, Albert Grandmont felt helpless. His wife, Margaret, along with local family members helped to salvage dishes and other sentimental things from the house. The American Red Cross reached out to the Grandmont family with the help of Dave, a maintenance supervisor at the Old State Highway garage on Stickney Avenue where the American Red Cross set up an operations center. The Red Cross determined the family's needs and rushed to their side.

Red Cross volunteers visited the Grandmont's home in Epsom and provided food, financial assistance for clothing, toiletries and other items as well as lodging. In addition, Red Cross volunteers visited with the family to discuss long term plans and worries about the future.

"On top of everything else with my father's health, this has been very difficult for him," said Dave Grandmont. "Red Cross volunteers have been great about reaching out to help my family during this very difficult time."

In addition to the Grandmont family, numerous families along the Suncook River and Piscataquog River in the area have been affected by the devastating flood waters on Sunday, April 15. Families in Allenstown, Goffstown and Epsom as well as other townships are cleaning up and moving on with the assistance of local agencies as well as the American Red Cross.

All Red Cross assistance is free, made possible by the generosity of the American public, volunteers and by neighbors helping neighbors throughout the area. Trained disaster volunteers and employees have been working throughout the last week and a half providing food, beverages, medical and mental health care and financial assistance. Due to the extensive devastation created by this storm, the public's help is needed. The Red Cross is reaching out for contributions to help provide assistance to victims of flooding in the Northeast. People interested in making a financial contribution can do so by contacting their local Red Cross chapter or by calling 1-800-REDCROSS.