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The Red Cross continues to collaborate with government and community partners on plans to assess the damage and distribute needed relief and cleanup supplies.

- On Sunday night, the Red Cross opened six shelters across Alabama, Georgia, Mississippi and Tennessee to house those displaced by the effects of these storms - *Updated shelter locations can be accessed [here](#)*
- More updates to follow regarding the deadly impact of the massive tornado in Alabama

#### Southern Tornadoes and Floods Service Delivery

Shelter	Meals and Snacks	Health and Mental Health	Relief Items	Disaster Workers
				
Hundreds of overnight stays provided	12,800 served with partners	270 contacts made	4,900	580

*All numbers are cumulative and represent Red Cross response efforts for recent floods and tornadoes in AL, GA, KY, MS and TN, as of March 4, 2019.*

Metro Atlanta's Emergency Response Vehicle (ERV) 1192 deployed for Columbus yesterday afternoon with three volunteers on board - Joe McClure, Donna Anderson and Michelle Donovan. It will be one of six ERVs helping with mobile feeding in hard-hit Georgia communities by noon today. You can see a brief video posted of the ERV leaving for the mission here: <https://www.facebook.com/redcrossgeorgia/videos/2051548048482614/> .

Below are tangible examples of the way donor support toward disaster relief will help:

- \$200 provides a full day of food and shelter to a family of 4 (*\$5,000 feeds 25 families*)
- \$600 provides financial assistance for a family impacted by a local disaster (*\$12,000 supports 20 families*)
- \$1,650 covers the cost to deploy a Red Cross volunteer to an operation (*\$5,000 would support the 3 volunteers mentioned above*)
- \$5,000 is the average cost of opening or preparing a shelter for 1 night
- \$7,500 is the average cost of fully stocking an ERV with needed supplies for 3 days