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### **HELPING TORNADO VICTIMS**

**WAKE FOREST, NC – April 20, 2011** – In response to Saturday’s rash of deadly tornadoes, Wake County has opened a Red Cross shelter at Heritage High School, 1150 Forestville Road, Wake Forest.

In the days since the storm the generosity and outpouring of concern shown for the nearly 100 residents staying at the shelter has been overwhelming. According to officials at the high school, donations are still being accepted but an adequate amount of toys, shoes, and school supplies has been collected. However, there is an immediate need for the following items:

- Men’s draw-string athletic shorts – sizes medium and large
- Men’s shorts – sizes 30 and 32 (waist)
- Men’s work pants – all sizes
- Men’s sneakers – all sizes
- New sets of pots and pans
- New sets of dishes
- New sets of silverware
- Baby diapers
- Baby wipes

The shelter is accepting \$10 and \$25 gift cards from grocery and retail stores. These gift cards will be distributed equitably to displaced families through Catholic Charities.

Volunteers are needed at the shelter daily between 10 a.m. and 6 p.m. only.

Additional updates will be provided as information becomes available.

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