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Local Elected Official to Deliver Food and Supplies to Flood Victims

State Senator Dave Koehler will join Red Cross crews on their route this Friday.

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CENTRAL ILLINOIS - From Meredosia to Havana to London Mills to Chillicothe to Utica to Marseilles, thousands have been driven from their homes due to floodwaters. As the waters recede, families are returning to confront waterlogged homes with mold and muck filled basements.

The American Red Cross was there before and during the floods providing food and shelter for families driven from their homes or the volunteers toiling to lay sandbags or reinforce levees. Emergency Response Vehicles are daily distributing hot food and snacks to those affected.

On Friday, May 3, State Senator Dave Koehler will join Red Cross volunteers to serve food and deliver supplies to central Illinois residents facing a long road to recovery.

The senator will join volunteers at 9:30am at *Woodland Baptist Church (6915 N Allen Rd, Peoria, IL)* where Southern Baptist Disaster Relief teams are partnering with the Red Cross to prepare a warm meal for flood-affected residents. From there, Senator Koehler will ride along with volunteers in an Emergency Response Vehicle. Local media are welcome to accompany the team.

On Thursday, please contact Erin.Miller@redcross.org (309)258-4920 to make arrangements, and on Friday, please contact Wesley.Lind@redcross.org (217)306-1961.

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The American Red Cross shelters, feeds and provides emotional support to victims of disasters; supplies nearly half of the nation's blood; teaches lifesaving skills; provides international humanitarian aid; and supports military members and their families. The Red Cross is a charitable organization — not a government agency — and depends on volunteers and the generosity of the American public to perform its mission.