



## Press Release

OFFICE OF PUBLIC AFFAIRS

For Immediate Release  
Contact: Jeremy Zidek, (907) 428-7077

May 17, 2011

### **State Urges Cash or Coordinated Donations**

FORT RICHARDSON, Alaska – There continues to be a great outpouring of generosity by concerned citizens, businesses, and service organizations throughout the state for collecting and donating goods and services to assist the people of Crooked Creek.

Currently, food and clothing supplies are sufficient. The most useful form of assistance is donations of money. Make check and credit card donations to well-established, charitable organizations that are assisting the flood relief effort.

Monetary donations allow charitable organizations the flexibility to purchase items that are needed most, and, unlike material donations, cash donations entail no transportation costs.

It is important that prior to collecting any relief items, donors contact the receiving local or national relief organization to verify the need and to make necessary transportation arrangements. Shipments that do not identify a voluntary agency, a specified location, and a contact person will not be unloaded.

The Office of the State Volunteer Liaison can be reached by calling (907) 428-7053 (in Anchorage) or 1-855-445-7131 (outside Anchorage). The Volunteer Liaison can help coordinate with a responsible volunteer and/or charitable agency to receive and distribute donated items.

Failure to do this will result in wasted personnel, time, space, and money to process the uncoordinated items. Non-coordinated gifts will also impede the progress of verified resources that are in greatest need for the timely recovery of the affected Alaskans.

The State of Alaska does not oversee or manage monetary charitable contributions. All donations will be managed by the community and/or organizations which receives the donation.

Cash donations options:

- Crooked Creek Traditional Council established a relief fund at Key Bank Account #720111004977 Routing #125200879.
- On behalf of Crooked Creek, Alaska Village Council Presidents established a relief fund at Wells Fargo. Account #1380172252 Routing #556900395.
- American Red Cross of Alaska is providing material and personnel to the relief effort. To make a contribution to the Red Cross go to [www.Alaska.redcross.org](http://www.Alaska.redcross.org)

###