

Red Cross shelter for families displaced by tornado moves to North Commons Recreation Center

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The temporary shelter set up for individuals and families who were displaced from their homes after the May 22 tornado is being moved to the North Commons Recreation Center at 1801 James Ave. N. in Minneapolis. The new shelter location is closer to the areas hardest-hit by the tornado, so families will be closer to home as they continue the recovery process following this devastating storm. The Red Cross will provide shelter residents with a safe place to sleep, food and beverages, health services, mental health services, resource referrals, and long-term recovery planning.

Red Cross workers will also be supporting additional feeding in the affected neighborhoods. People at the shelter will have access to the computer lab, shower and locker room facilities at North Commons Recreation Center. The recreation center will be closed to the general public while being used as a temporary Red Cross shelter; however, outdoor amenities including playgrounds, outdoor basketball and tennis courts, and baseball and soccer fields will be available to both the general public and people staying overnight at the shelter. Individuals and families who were displaced from their homes after the tornado may call the Red Cross at (612) 871-7676 for details about the temporary shelter at North Commons Recreation Center which is served directly by bus route 14G, and routes 5M and 5F stop within a few blocks.

For bus information, visit www.metrotransit.org or call (612) 373-3333. To support Red Cross disaster relief, visit redcrossmn.org or call (612) 460-3700. Please note, the Red Cross cannot accept donations of goods. Existing, trained Red Cross volunteers are working to shelter, feed, and support residents affected by the storm. As of now, it's unlikely the Red Cross will be requesting spontaneous volunteers for this disaster response.