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Burlington Northern Santa Fe Railway Foundation donates to the American Red Cross of New Mexico in support of disaster response

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Albuquerque, N.M. (December 9, 2020) The New Mexico Chapter of the American Red Cross recognizes the Burlington Northern Santa Fe Railway Foundation for its support of the Red Cross in New Mexico. Thanks to a generous financial donation, Burlington Northern Santa Fe Railway Foundation will ensure the American Red Cross is there to meet the needs of New Mexicans impacted by local disasters, like home fires and floods.

Each year, the Red Cross responds to more than 62,000 disasters across the United States, including home fires, hurricanes, floods, earthquakes, tornadoes, and wildfires. Constituting nearly 90% of the Red Cross's humanitarian workforce, our volunteers respond to disasters almost 170 times a day nationwide. Red Cross services are provided to people in need of assistance at no cost and regardless of income through the generosity of Red Cross donors.

"The work of the American Red Cross is vital to New Mexico communities. The BNSF Foundation is proud to support this outstanding organization addressing critical needs." Lindsay Mullins, Executive Director, Public Affairs, BNSF Railway.

In New Mexico, Red Cross staff and volunteers, in the last 12 months, responded to over 270 disaster operations. The vast majority of those calls for assistance were to help those affected by home fires.

"The American Red Cross is grateful for the support of the Burlington Northern Santa Fe Railway Foundation. We could not help New Mexico citizens recover from disasters, both large and small, without their help. We truly value them as partners and recognize their role in helping New Mexicans in every corner of our state." Kathy Segura-Salas, Executive Director of the American Red Cross of New Mexico, said recently.

To learn more about how Burlington Northern Santa Fe Railway Foundation is helping people across New Mexico, please contact Camille Ridley, Regional Philanthropy Officer for Foundation Giving, at the American Red Cross by emailing Camille.ridley@redcross.org or by calling 480-450-6720.

About the American Red Cross:

The American Red Cross shelters, feeds and provides emotional support to victims of disasters; supplies about 40 percent of the nation's blood; teaches skills that save lives; provides humanitarian aid; and supports military members and their families. The Red Cross is a not-for-profit organization that depends on volunteers and the generosity of the American public to perform its mission. For more information, please visit redcross.org or cruzrojaamericana.org, or visit us on Twitter at [@RedCross](https://twitter.com/RedCross).

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