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## **Hurricane Katrina services moved to Arapahoe County's CentrePoint Plaza**

*County working closely with State, Federal, local and non-profit agencies to assist Hurricane victims*

**AURORA, CO ---** During the weekend, Arapahoe County opened CentrePoint Plaza to the American Red Cross, State and Federal agencies, who are working cooperatively to serve victims of Hurricane Katrina.

The Family Assistance Center, which is led by the American Red Cross Mile High Chapter, is located in the CentrePoint Plaza Littleton Rooms, 14980 E. Alameda Dr., Aurora. The Center is a combined effort with several state and local agencies, including the Arapahoe County Department of Human Services, Arapahoe/Douglas Works! and Arapahoe County Housing Authority.

Arapahoe County is working side-by-side with a number of organizations, including The Red Cross, State of Colorado, FEMA, Salvation Army, Veterans Administration, Disabled American Veterans, Denver Public Schools, Tri-County Health, the National Guard, Division of Insurance, Vital Records, Motor Vehicle, local housing authorities, and local workforce centers to assist Hurricane Katrina evacuees in Colorado.

“Opening our doors and meeting rooms to help people displaced by Hurricane Katrina is the least we can do,” said Brian Field, Director of Arapahoe County Human Services. “We are committed to working in partnership with the State and other local agencies to offer our services and facilities to help families who have been affected by this national disaster put their lives back together again.”

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**Media Note:** Due to Federal and State laws, video and photography of Human Services clients is not allowed. Media wanting to take photos and video of the Family Assistance Center or CentrePoint Plaza should coordinate with Arapahoe County and the American Red Cross.

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