



### ***Severe Weather impacts Sikeston Community***

Severe weather came through much of the lower half of the State of Missouri on Sunday, impacting multiple communities including Sikeston. From Shelby and Butler Ave. through E. Gladys St. and Virginia St. up to Garwood and Kinder Ave., people's homes were severely damaged by wind, flying debris, and fallen trees. Large parts of the city lost power.

The American Red Cross of Missouri was contacted Sunday by local emergency management officials and arrived that afternoon to provide shelter for those in need. The shelter was established at the YMCA on Taylor St. In addition to providing shelter, Red Cross teams will be out in the community conducting preliminary damage assessments to determine the extent of the damage and community assistance needs. Teams will also distribute emergency clean-up supplies such as tarps, rakes, totes, and more water to the impacted communities in the days to come.

### **How can you help?**

#### **Financial assistance needed:**

For individuals wishing to assist the Red Cross in responding to community disasters, a financial donation is best. This allows the Red Cross to be flexible in using the funds to directly address the needs of those affected. To donate, call 1-800 RED CROSS, online at [redcross.org/donate](http://redcross.org/donate), or mail a check to your local red cross.

#### **Volunteers needed:**

Our work would not be possible without our volunteers. The Red Cross needs more disaster response volunteers to assist following home fires and other local disasters. If interested, please click "learn more" and fill out our form at [www.redcross.org/joinnow](http://www.redcross.org/joinnow).