

Red Cross is seeking donations

The local branch of the Canadian Red Cross Society is ready to send its Disaster Response Team and other volunteers south of the border if their services are needed in the wake of the World Trade Centre attacks in New York City Tuesday.

"The Disaster Response Team is on alert and ready to respond if necessary," said Susan Lynch, manager of the North Halton branch based on Nipissing Road.

"They're highly trained and have been ready to go since (Tuesday). The volunteers would help with shelter management, registration and providing food to the victims."

She said the branch was prepared to open a shelter Tuesday to house stranded passengers from Pearson International Airport, but the idea was nixed when passengers found alternate shelter. "We're accepting financial donations in cash or checks to send to the victims in the States."

Donations can be made at local branches of the Bank of Montreal, Bank of Nova Scotia, CIBC, Royal Bank and TD Canada Trust.

Also, the Red Cross will hold a barbecue for the USA Appeal Relief Fund at Loblaw's Sunday from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

For more information regarding relief efforts, call 1-800-418-1111 or (905) 875-1459.


Local companies re-think shipping

Border crossing into the United States was virtually halted following the terrorist attacks Tuesday, causing some local companies to re-think their shipping plans.

Companies with U.S. customers such as Roxul Inc. and Meritor Suspension Systems were left holding onto their products as boarder crossing became a time-consuming task.

"There have been some problems. It's not really the challenges of what we have shipped today (Tuesday), it's more of what's going to happen in the next few days," explained Roxul Logistics Manager Wes Woof, adding that anywhere between one and five trucks leave for the U.S. on a daily basis. "We've positioned ourselves to hold off any shipping until that point."

Meritor's Harold McKinnon said the company has taken a similar approach to the situation, but their product continues to cross the border with delays. About 80 per cent of its products are contracted by U.S. auto makers.




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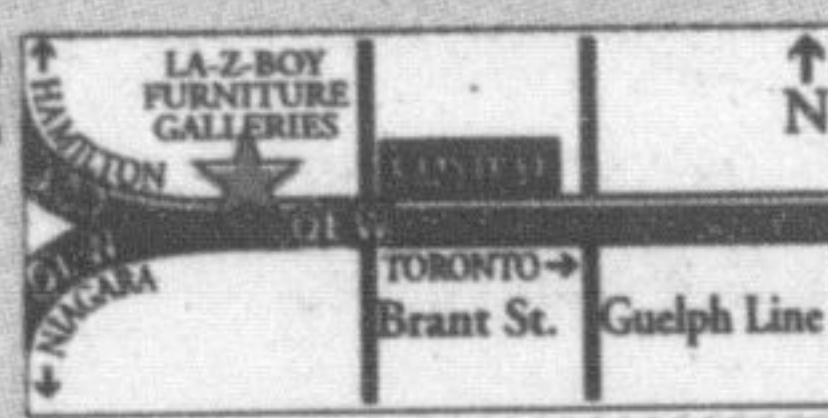
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