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Koch Employees Across The World Support Tornado Relief Effort *Employee contributions and company donation to Red Cross top \$80,000*

Wichita, Kan. -- A group of Koch industries employees presented more than \$80,000 of tornado relief funds to the Midway-Kansas Chapter of the American Red Cross today at the Red Cross Disaster Relief Headquarters at the Machinists District Lodge No. 70 on South Meridian In Wichita.

Koch's fund-raising drive, which included company employees and customers from around the world, raised a total of \$118,000 for the Red Cross, some of which was directed to Oklahoma, for victims of the tornadoes, which hit Kansas and Oklahoma May 3.

Koch employees started their fundraising effort the day after the tornadoes struck, and Koch Industries matched the employee donations on a dollar-for-dollar basis.

"We are overwhelmed by the generosity and unselfishness of Koch employees and Koch Industries for this wonderful support," said Bill Hamelau, executive director of the Midway-Kansas Chapter of the American Red Cross. "Koch Industries and its employees have a strong history of compassion and caring. This is yet one more shining example. This gift will enable us to provide much needed assistance to disaster victims. On behalf of these individuals and families, we share our sincere appreciation,"

This fundraising effort comes on the heels of the Red Cross' national award for volunteer fundraising given to Koch Industries for a similar drive the company's employees led after the November 1998 floods that crippled many communities throughout south central Kansas.

"Koch and its employees have a strong history of generous giving to this community and others," said Hamelau. "It's companies and citizens like them that make communities strong."

"The tornadoes had a huge effect in Kansas and Oklahoma," said Paul Wheeler, senior vice president of Human Resources for Koch Industries. "Because Koch has so many employees in Oklahoma and Kansas, they felt personally touched by this disaster. Several Koch employees, in fact, lost their homes or suffered severe damage."

"Koch employees came to work on Tuesday morning looking for a way to help those who were affected by the tragedy," said Jay Rosser, company spokesman. "After Koch industries committed to matching all funds raised by employees, an e-mail message was sent to all 16,000 Koch employees throughout the world. Responses came back from as far as Venezuela!"

The Midway-Kansas Chapter of the American Red Cross will administer funds raised by Koch employees in Kansas (approximately 75%), and the Oklahoma County Chapter of the American Red Cross, headquartered in Oklahoma City, will administer funds raised in Oklahoma (approximately 25%). Donations received from Koch employees outside of Kansas and Oklahoma were split evenly between the two areas.