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Included below is a press release announcing what efforts Ferris State University is making and will continue to make to assist Big Rapids residents affected by a large fire that occurred at the Village Green Apartments in Big Rapids on Thursday, April 24. So far, the University has donated 200 meal passes to The Rock Café, on the Ferris campus. The University is also working, in collaboration with some of its student organizations, to direct items that could be earmarked for the upcoming Dump and Run event to people affected by the fire. This release also includes ways that individuals can make donations through either the Mecosta-Osceola American Red Cross or the Big Rapids Salvation Army. Any media requests regarding this release can be directed to Sandy Gholston, News Services and Social Media Manager.

To read the online version of this story, visit:

<http://www.ferris.edu/HTMLS/news/archive/2014/april/redcross.htm>

To read about the Dump and Run effort, visit:

<http://www.ferris.edu/HTMLS/news/archive/2014/april/dump.htm>

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### **Assisting Big Rapids Residents Affected by Village Green Apartments Fire**

The Mecosta-Osceola American Red Cross is accepting monetary donations for the victims of the fire at Village Green Apartments, a complex located in Big Rapids. Checks are to be made payable to the “Red Cross” and should include the phrase “Village Green Apartments” on the memo line to make sure that donations are directed to assist this specific cause. The fire occurred on Thursday, April 24.

The Mecosta-Osceola American Red Cross is located at 218 S. Warren Ave. in Big Rapids. The phone number for the office is (231) 796-6562.

Additionally, the Salvation Army of Big Rapids is accepting donations of household goods at the Corps office located at 325 Linden St.

Household items such as blankets, canned goods, clothing (of any size), diapers, nonperishable foods and toiletries (toothbrush, toothpaste, shampoo and soap) are among the items needed most. Donations will be dispersed on Monday at the Corps office.

For more information, call the Big Rapids Salvation Army at (231) 796-5597.

Ferris State University has donated 200 meals at the Rock Café to assist families. The University is also actively working to have student donations, from the annual Dump and Run, benefit fire victims.

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