



Reservation families flee to Rapid City due to storm

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About 200 families and 41 dialysis patients from the Eagle Butte area were evacuated to Rapid City because of the power outages from this weekend's storm.

The United Sioux Tribes doesn't have funding to provide storm aid but the organization can help gather and distribute supplies and emergency funds.

Jo Lynn Little Wounded, of the Rapid City United Sioux Tribes office, says they need supplies for the evacuated families and the people who are still on the Cheyenne-Eagle Butte Reservation. Most needed for both areas are non-perishable foods. For the reservation, they also need blankets and candles.

Money is needed to help families defray the cost of staying in Rapid City motels. Some families have been here for several days already and Little Wounded estimates it could be at least another week before power is restored on the reservation. Little Wounded says it costs about \$160 for three people to stay in a motel room for a week; and about \$75 a week for food.

People can donate supplies and money to the United Sioux Tribes at their Rapid City office

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The office is open from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

The dialysis patients are receiving assistance from the Red Cross, Salvation Army, National Relief Charities and the Western South Dakota Community Action office.

Because these patients had to leave the reservation quickly, most are without basic needs such as clothing, food, personal hygiene items and equipment for people with diabetes.



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