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WESTAR ENERGY DONATES FANS TO THE AMERICAN RED CROSS

WICHITA, Kan., June 5, 2009 — Westar Energy will deliver 100 fans to the American Red Cross Midway-Kansas Chapter, 1900 E Douglas Ave, Wichita, KS 67214, on Monday, June 8, 2009. Westar Energy employees will take a company truck to pick up the fans at 1:30 p.m. from Home Depot, 3350 N Woodlawn, and then deliver the fans to the Red Cross.

The fans will be given to people who need help keeping their homes cool this summer.

The Red Cross will determine the eligibility requirements for the fans. People interested in obtaining a fan should call the Red Cross at (316) 219-4000.

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