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Women's Group Extends Condolences to Tornado Victims and Families

NEW YORK – Members of a **national women's** group are extending their deepest tears and prayer to the victims of the Moore, Okla., tornado and their families.

"Our hearts and prayers go out to the victims of this devastating tornado that shredded part of an Oklahoma City suburb on Monday, killed 24 people – including 7 dear children – injured 230, and left thousands without a home," said Angelika Selle, president of the Women's Federation for World Peace (WFWP). "America recently seems to be challenged with one catastrophe after another. It was only a couple weeks ago that Boston was hit with the bombings.

"Maybe it is a call for us to realize that we are all interconnected and need each other.

"We feel so much grief that this awful force of nature was able to literally tear apart this community and so many families, and our prayer is that the survivors can bear their pain and eventually heal, helped by a community that can unite together for them in compassionate action and love."

To help with intermediate and long-term disaster relief in Moore, Okla., Selle urged all WFWP members – as well as women and men all across America – to donate to the **Oklahoma City Tornado Recovery Fund**, which was established at the Oklahoma City Community Foundation in May 1999. The fund directs 100 percent of gifts to assist with the needs of those affected by storms. Contributions to the Fund may be sent to the **Oklahoma City Community Foundation, P.O. Box 1146, Oklahoma City, OK, 73101-1146**, or online at **www.occf.org/tornadorecoveryfund**.

To provide immediate assistance to those impacted by the storm, Selle urged that gifts be sent directly to the **American Red Cross of Central Oklahoma** and the **Salvation Army of Central Oklahoma**.