



Fraud Alert!

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Donate to legitimate charities

More rescues than Hurricane Katrina. Thousands of families devastated by raging floodwaters. U.S. Highway 34 closed indefinitely. Over a hundred bridges damaged. Lives lost and changed forever. There's no doubt Northern Colorado is in crisis with devastating and widespread flooding.

With any crisis comes helping hands and helping hearts and, unfortunately, scammers wanting to help themselves to donations. Here are some guidelines to ensure your donations go to those in need:

- Give to reputable/known charities with a proven record such as the American Red Cross (www.coloradoredcross.org), the Salvation Army (www.imsalvationarmy.org) and United Way (www.unitedway-weld.org). All three allow funds to be earmarked for Colorado flood victims.
- Most legitimate charities use .org instead of .com.
- Check out charities through a third-party before giving. The local Better Business Bureau or the Colorado Secretary of State's Office are options to verify a charity.
- Beware of emails, door-to-door and mail pitches soliciting donations.
- Beware of organizations with names that are similar to but slightly different from reputable charities.

Legitimate charities with specific funds to help flood victims include:



**American
Red Cross**

**United
Way**



United Way of Weld County



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