

Sonoco Donates \$50,000 to South Carolina Flood Relief

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HARTSVILLE, S.C., Oct. 07, 2015 (GLOBE NEWSWIRE) -- Sonoco (NYSE:SON), one of the largest diversified global packaging companies, has donated \$50,000 to the American Red Cross to aid in flood relief efforts in the Pee Dee and across the Palmetto State. This brings Sonoco's total to \$95,000 in Red Cross donations in 2015.

Sonoco has been headquartered in Hartsville, S.C., since its inception in 1899, and more than 2,000 of its employees currently call South Carolina home. Sonoco's operations were not adversely impacted by the storm, but many of its employees, their families and their friends are facing hardships after the historic flooding.

"Our thoughts and prayers are with those impacted by the severe flooding over the past several days," said Jack Sanders, president and CEO. "As our state rebuilds, I have no doubt that the resiliency and faith of South Carolinians will continue to shine through this crisis."

"The devastation from floods causes immediate and long-term recovery needs. Thanks to generous supporters like Sonoco, we will be here as long as we are needed," said Louise Welch Williams, regional chief executive officer of the Palmetto SC Region of the American Red Cross.

To donate to the relief efforts, visit www.redcross.org/SC.

About Sonoco

Founded in 1899, Sonoco is a global provider of a variety of consumer packaging, industrial products, protective packaging, and displays and packaging supply chain services. With annualized net sales of approximately \$5 billion, the Company has 20,800 employees working in more than 330 operations in 34 countries, serving some of the world's best known brands in some 85 nations. Sonoco is a proud member of the 2015/2016 Dow Jones Sustainability World Index. For more information on the Company, visit our website at www.sonoco.com.

About the American Red Cross:

The American Red Cross shelters, feeds and provides emotional support to victims of disasters; supplies about 40 percent of the nation's blood; teaches skills that save lives; provides international humanitarian aid; and supports military members and their families. The Red Cross is a not-for-profit organization that depends on volunteers and the generosity of the American public to perform its mission. For more information, please visit redcross.org/SC or follow us on Twitter [@RedCrossSC](https://twitter.com/RedCrossSC).

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