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Media Alert

Red Cross Receives Grant from The Cape Cod Five Cents Savings Bank Charitable Foundation

Hyannis, MA, January 29, 2012 - The American Red Cross, Cape Cod and Islands Chapter is pleased to announce that it has received a grant of \$500 from The Cape Cod Five Charitable Foundation. This is to be used for programs and training offered by the Cape Cod an Islands Chapter of the American Red Cross, including training in the new simpler "Hands-Only Save a Life CPR", which avoids the traditional mouth-to-mouth resuscitation methods which should make people more comfortable performing CPR and thus allow for saving more lives.

American Red Cross, Cape Cod and Islands Chapter Board Chair Enzo Allegretti said: *"We are very pleased to have received this generous grant from The Cape Cod Five Charitable Foundation. The training made possible through this grant will bring us one step closer to our goal of having at least one person in each household on Cape Cod and the Islands trained in CPR, AED and first aid."*

About the Cape Cod Five Cents Savings Bank Charitable Foundation:

Founded in 1998, the Cape Cod Five Cents Savings Bank Charitable Foundation Trust is committed to serving the needs of the Cape and Islands community. The Foundation is funded by its namesake bank and currently has assets exceeding \$10 million.

The **American Red Cross** is the nation's foremost emergency response organization, offering neutral humanitarian care to the victims of war and devastating natural disasters as well as local disasters such as fires, Hazardous Materials accidents and more, providing victims of these disasters with shelter, food and emotional support. Today, in addition to domestic disaster relief, the American Red Cross offers compassionate services in five other areas: **community services** for affected victims after a disaster; **support and comfort for military members and their families** including **emergency messaging**; the **collection, processing and distribution of lifesaving blood and blood products**; **educational programs** that promote health and safety; and **international relief and development** programs.

The Red Cross is not a government agency and does not receive federal or state funding. Local Chapters do receive some human resource support from the American Red Cross Headquarters, however, each Chapter is responsible for raising adequate funds to support all of its activities, including recruiting and training volunteers, and teaching life saving skills within its geographical coverage area. It relies on donations of time, money, and blood from the American public to successfully do its work.

To find out more about volunteering for the Red Cross, for disaster preparedness presentations on Cape Cod and the Islands, for class schedules, for disaster preparedness information in English, Spanish or Portuguese, or to donate, please contact the American Red Cross, Cape Cod Islands Chapter, 286 South Street, Hyannis, MA 02601, call (508) 775-1540 ext. 21 or visit www.cciredcross.org

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