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## *Media Alert* **MEDIA ALERT**

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### **American Red Cross Offers Free Disaster Education Sessions Across Cape Cod**

Hyannis, MA, May 5, 2010 – To prepare for the upcoming Hurricane season, the Cape Cod and Islands Chapter of the American Red Cross has scheduled several free community sessions to provide local residents with important information on preparing for storms. The presentation will focus on disaster preparedness as well as provide special information for people with disabilities and how to build a disaster kit. Sessions typically last half an hour to one hour with questions welcome about the American Red Cross, AmeriCorps and Disaster preparedness. Registration is not necessary. All sessions are open to the public, free of charge.

Disaster Preparedness Presentations will be held as follows:

Wednesday, **May 12** at 11:00 am -

**Brewster Ladies' Library**

1822 Main Street Brewster, MA 02631

Tuesday, **May 18** at 11:00 am -

**Swan Pond Village**

715 Old King's Highway, off Cahoon Hollow Road

Friday, **May 21** at 10:00 am-

**Sandwich Senior Center (downstairs)**

270 Quaker Meetinghouse Rd., East Sandwich, MA 02537

Thursday, **June 2nd**, 3:00 pm-

**Barnstable Senior Center**

825 Falmouth Road, Hyannis

Since Hurricane Katrina, the American Red Cross has worked diligently to better prepare our communities for a disaster. As a component of Disaster Services, the Red Cross partners with emergency services groups to provide shelter, food, and comfort free of charge to anyone displaced by a disaster. Cape Cod, Martha's Vineyard, and Nantucket all have designated Red Cross shelters that, once town emergency managers choose to open them, are available to the public and are staffed by trained volunteers.

The threat for a hurricane is present through the end of November, and Red Cross Disaster volunteers are ready to serve whenever a disaster hits. Residents, families, and visitors should be aware of how they can protect themselves before, during, and after a storm. The list of possible shelters and their locations is available on our web site at [Ccciredcross.org](http://Ccciredcross.org).

*All American Red Cross disaster assistance is free, made possible by voluntary donations of time and money from the American people. For more information, you can contact the Cape Cod and Islands chapter at 286 South Street, Hyannis MA 02601 or (508) 775-1540 or check out [www.cciredcross.org](http://www.cciredcross.org) The Red Cross is a critical part of the emergency response network on Cape Cod and the Islands. Our volunteers respond, teach, and care for our community when the need is greatest 7 days a week, 24 hours a day. We are expected to be ready at all times and are here when help is needed most.*

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