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CH2M HILL of Colorado Donates \$1,000 to Cape Cod and Islands Chapter in Support of its Dollars for Doers Program and Volunteer Laura Johnson of Sandwich

Hyannis, MA, March 5th, 2011 - CH2M HILL of Colorado has recently donated \$1,000 to the Cape Cod and Islands Chapter of the American Red Cross. This donation is part of the *Dollars for Doers* program, in which the company matches employee volunteer service with a donation.

Laura Johnson of Sandwich works for CH2M HILL on the Massachusetts Military Reservation and has been a very active volunteer for the American Red Cross since 2009.

Laura Johnson says: "*I volunteer for the American Red Cross because it is one of the best organizations to volunteer for. I would like to assist my community if a disaster were to happen. Red Cross offers many training opportunities and there are actually a lot of disasters we get involved in locally. Many people do not hear about them as they often occur in the middle of the night. Just last week alone, our volunteers supported firefighters and disaster victims in five different fires in one week, all over Cape Cod and the Islands.*

"As soon as I heard about the Dollars for Doers program being offered by my employer CH2M HILL, I jumped on the details and started tracking the number of volunteer hours. I was amazed at the amount of time. I had spent supporting local disasters and performing my duties as the Upper Cape Staffing Lead. This seemed like a great way to put my volunteer time to even better use. In the process, we were able to turn it into a contribution for the local Chapter of the American Red Cross so we can continue to keep the Emergency Response Vehicles going and are able to respond to any disaster that requires it."

Laura is part of the Upper Cape Zone and she supports the staffing for a disaster. That means, every month, volunteers sign up to be on-call to go out to a fire, be it day or night. Laura herself is also involved with the Services to the Armed Forces volunteers, supporting the many military men and women on base.

Headquartered near Denver, Colorado, USA, employee-owned CH2M HILL is a global leader in consulting, design, design-build, operations, and program management for government, civil, industrial and energy clients. The firm's work is concentrated in the areas of water, transportation, environmental, energy, facilities and resources.

To find out more about volunteering for the American Red Cross, for information about Red Cross training schedules in English or Portuguese, 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 or visit www.cciredcross.org

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.

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