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Media Alert **MEDIA ALERT**

Red Cross Looking to Train paramedics, LPNs, EMTs and Retired MDs as Red Cross Volunteers

Hyannis, Mass, January 30, 2010 – The American Red Cross, Cape Cod and Islands Chapter is looking to train Paramedics, LPNs, EMTs and retired MDs to be Red Cross volunteers.

As a Health Service volunteer, you can earn continuing education units (C.E.U's) to maintain your professional licensing or certification. The Red Cross is approved as an Authorized Provider of C.E.U's by the International Association for Continuing Education and Training.

Red Cross Health Services professionals will work primarily in four settings:

- Shelters, where disaster victims take temporary shelter and Health Service Volunteers provide essential health services to clients.
- Red Cross Staff Health, has responsibility for the health and well-being of Red Cross staff.
- Red Cross Service Centers, where clients and their family go to have their immediate needs evaluated.
- Licensed professionals with proper training, have the opportunity to be deployed to a Red Cross disaster relief operation.

Required classes for Health Service volunteers are **Fulfilling Our Mission:** an orientation to the American Red Cross and **Health Services Response Workshop:** prepares licensed health professionals to work in their local chapter jurisdiction or be deployed to a Red Cross disaster relief operation (5.25 contact hours). These classes will be offered on Monday, March 1 and Tuesday, March 2, 2010 from 6:00 - 9:00 p.m.

All American Red Cross disaster assistance is free, made possible by voluntary donations of time and money from people on Cape Cod and the Islands . Training to volunteers is also free.

For more information about the American Red Cross, Cape Cod and Islands Chapter or volunteering for Health Services, please contact: Becky Alden, RN or Anne Katz -Jacobson, CNM, RN at 508-775- 1540 ext. 24 or send an email to volunteer@cciredcross.org. For more information about volunteering, see www.cciredcross.org.

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