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## Media Alert

### **American Red Cross Honors Cathy Hatch of Harwich with 2010 Volunteer Achievement Award to be Honored at the 9th Annual Red Cross Heroes Breakfast on March 31st in Hyannis**

Hyannis, Mass, March 4, 2011 –The American Red Cross Cape Cod and Islands Chapter is pleased to announce that Cathy Hatch of Harwich will be honored with the 2010 Volunteer Achievement Award at the 9<sup>th</sup> Annual Heroes Breakfast at the Resort & Conference Center in Hyannis on March 31, 2011 from 7:00-9:00 am. Tickets are available on-line at [www.cciredcross.org](http://www.cciredcross.org), by calling (508) 775-1540 ext. 21 or at American Red Cross, Cape Cod and Islands Chapter, 286 South Street, Hyannis, MA 02601.



American Red Cross Cape Cod and Islands Chapter volunteer, Cathy Hatch, displays a rare combination of empathy and pragmatism. Responding to countless disasters, from single-family house fires in Harwich - the town where she lives with her husband, Roland - to regional and national emergencies, she is a disaster caseworker who sees what's needed and finds a way to achieve it.

But many of her accomplishments are behind the scenes, taking place before disaster strikes.

As a member of the chapter's Disaster Volunteer Management Team, Hatch took on the challenging and thankless work of staff services, recruiting fellow volunteers and helping them achieve their career goals with the Red Cross.

During the response to Hurricane Earl, Cathy helped process dozens of local and national Red Cross workers, allowing them to quickly get to their assigned jobs, a true organizational feat. Her contributions also have ensured that the Red Cross is able to deploy good numbers of well-trained volunteers to shelters under the new Regional Sheltering Plan for Barnstable County.

Despite health challenges and other adversities in recent years, Hatch has been a steadfast worker and has helped set the standard for volunteer disaster responders on the Cape and Islands.

The American Red Cross is honored to recognize Cathy Hatch as a 2010 Red Cross Volunteer Achievement Hero.

To find out more about the 9th Annual Red Cross Heroes Breakfast, 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](http://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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