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Media Alert **MEDIA ALERT**

Jacob Hemberger of Cotuit Named 2010 Youth Good Samaritan Hero to be Honored at 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 Jacob Hemberger of Cotuit has been named a Youth Good Samaritan Hero and will be honored at the 9th 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, by calling (508) 775-1540 ext. 21 or at American Red Cross, Cape Cod and Islands Chapter, 286 South Street, Hyannis, MA 02601.

Jane Otis of Dennisport nominated Jacob for doing the right thing and not letting fear or his learning disability stop him from taking quick and courageous action to save his father who had suffered a grand mal seizure.

Jacob has worked to overcome his challenges. From a young age, it was clear he had developmental concerns and when Jane Otis met him in 2002, he did not speak.

On November 11, 2010, Jacob was at home with just his father, who has a severe form of epilepsy. The condition causes life threatening seizures, but they generally occur only when his father is asleep.

Jacob's father made dinner for the two of them that night and fell asleep on the couch, having started a new job that day. In his sleep, he had a grand mal seizure.

While his father was unaware of what was happening, Jacob was. As frightened as he was, he dialed 9-1-1, related the event and saved his dad's life. His father was transported to Cape Cod Hospital and firefighters stayed with Jacob until neighbors could come to stay with him.

Jacob exhibited great courage in the situation. His actions also reflect the good education and support his parents and teachers have given him.

For his courage and brave actions, we are honored to recognize Jacob Hemberger as a 2010 Youth Good Samaritan 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

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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