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Media Alert

Laurie K. Murphy of East Falmouth Named 2010 Red Cross Swim Rescue Hero 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 Laurie K. Murphy has been named a Swim Rescue 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.

Laurie was nominated by Donald Hoffer of Falmouth for her quick thinking and heroic actions in rescuing a 13 year-old boy who had sunk to the bottom of the hotel pool at the Holiday Inn in Falmouth where she works as a life guard. The boy was part of a group from Connecticut and Murphy responded immediately when she saw the boy wasn't just "horsing around" with the rest of the group. He was in trouble.

When he did not surface for air, Murphy dove into the pool and was able to pull the unconscious, but breathing, boy on the pool deck, maintaining his airway until the arrival of the emergency medical personnel from the Falmouth Fire and Rescue Department. As the ambulance arrived, the young boy regained consciousness.

Despite the hysteria around her, Murphy remained calm and maintained control of the scene.

"I am convinced without Laurie's quick actions and attentiveness the outcome would have been much different," Falmouth's EMS supervisor reported.

Murphy's attentiveness, skill and authority helped to prevent a tragedy. For her actions, she has been chosen to be recognized as a Red Cross 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.