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American Red Cross Recognizes Cathy Hatch of Harwich with the 2010 Volunteer Leadership Award

Hyannis, MA, June 30th, 2010 - American Red Cross, Cape Cod and Islands Chapter, proudly recognized Cathy Hatch of Harwich (*pictured here with her husband to her right*) with the Second Jenn Carlson Volunteer Award at its June Volunteer Recognition picnic, held at Camp Greenough in Yarmouth Port.



The award reads: *"You inspire us not only to be better volunteers but to be better human beings. You enable ordinary people to perform extraordinary acts in times of disaster."*

The award is named after Director of Emergency Services, Jennifer Carlson-Benoit, who received the award last year.

Cathy Hatch has been volunteering with the chapter for many years. She currently serves as the senior staffing lead, organizing the volunteers and their jobs for local and regional sheltering activities as well as other deployments both locally, regionally and nationally as needed. Since July 2009, some 54 local volunteers supported American Red Cross disaster relief operations off-Cape. Currently, the Chapter counts some 300 trained disaster volunteers.

Cathy was instrumental in helping design the staffing plan for the regional sheltering exercises. Because of her tremendous Red Cross volunteer experience, she also mentors some of the new volunteers in leadership positions.

When she is not volunteering for the Red Cross, she plays guitar and sings in a country band called "Appaloosa"

More information about volunteering with the Cape Cod and Islands Chapter, disaster preparedness, training classes or volunteering can be viewed on the Chapter's web site: www.cciredcross.org or can be obtained by calling toll-free (508) 775-1540. You can also write to: American Red Cross, Cape Cod and Islands Chapter, 286 South Street, Hyannis MA 02601.

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