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## *Media Alert* M E D I A A L E R T

### **For Immediate Release**

### ***American Red Cross, Cape Cod and Islands Chapter is Looking for Volunteers***

Hyannis, MA, July 8th, 2011 - The American Red Cross, Cape Cod and Islands Chapter, is looking for volunteers for General support, Health and Safety Preparedness as well as more specific support aimed at Disaster Services and Military Family Support. Training will be provided, free of charge. Ideally, volunteers would be available a few hours at a time. The positions are based at the Chapter House, 286 South Street, Hyannis, MA, unless otherwise indicated. Volunteer forms are available for download on the web at [cciredcross.org](http://cciredcross.org); click volunteer. Call (508) 775-1540 or stop by the Chapter House at 286 South Street, Hyannis, MA 02601. Here are current opportunities:

**Community Preparedness Education**, to support the chapter by providing talks and group presentations to educate local community groups, schools and other interested organizations in emergency preparedness awareness and other training. This will require some evening or weekend activities.

**Health and Safety Preparedness Training**, to support the chapter by representing the chapter at community events to educate local community groups, schools and other interested organizations in the Health and Safety training classes available through the Chapter. This will require some evening or weekend activities.

Disaster Services Volunteers are always welcome. Ongoing training schedules are listed on [cciredcross.org](http://cciredcross.org)

All American Red Cross disaster assistance is free, made possible by voluntary donations of time and money from people in our local communities. Training to registered volunteers is free.



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For more information about volunteering, please contact the Chapter by emailing [volunteer@cciredcross.org](mailto:volunteer@cciredcross.org) . You may also write to American Red Cross, Cape Cod and Islands Chapter, 286 South Street, Hyannis MA 02601 or call toll-free (508) 775-1540. More info is also available on [cciredcross.org](http://cciredcross.org)

The **American Red Cross** is the nation's foremost emergency response organization, offering neutral humanitarian care to the victims of war and devastating natural disasters as well as local disasters such as fires, Hazardous Materials accidents and more, providing victims of these disasters with shelter, food and emotional support. Today, in addition to domestic disaster relief, the American Red Cross offers compassionate services in five other areas: **community services** for affected victims after a disaster; **support and comfort for military members and their families** including **emergency messaging**; the **collection, processing and distribution of lifesaving blood and blood products**; **educational programs** that promote health and safety; and **international relief and development** programs.

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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