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American Red Cross Receives \$25,000 Grant from Yawkey Foundation to Support Local Disaster Relief Efforts on Cape Cod and Islands

Hyannis, Mass., October 30th, 2011 — The American Red Cross, Cape Cod and Islands Chapter is pleased to announce that it received a \$25,000 grant from the Yawkey Foundation to support its local disaster relief efforts.

“Tom and Jean Yawkey were ardent supporters of providing crucial social services to those most in need. The Trustees of the Yawkey Foundations are proud to honor the Yawkey legacy by supporting the meaningful and caring work of the American Red Cross,” said James Healey, President and Trustee of the Yawkey Foundation.

The **Yawkey Foundations** were established more than twenty years ago to further serve the Yawkey’s many charitable goals. The mission of the Yawkey Foundations is to continue the charitable legacy of Tom and Jean Yawkey by making grants that provide immediate, significant, and positive impact on the quality of life of youth, families, and the underserved, primarily in the areas which the Yawkeys called home, New England and Georgetown County, South Carolina. For additional information about the Yawkey Foundations, visit their website at www.yawkeyfoundations.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. It relies on donations of time, money, and blood from the American public to successfully do its work.

To find out more about volunteering for the Red Cross, for class schedules, for disaster preparedness information in English, Spanish or Portuguese, or to donate, please contact the American Red Cross, Cape Cod Islands Chapter, 286 South Street, Hyannis, MA 02601, call (508) 775-1540 ext. 21 or visit www.cciredcross.org
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