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Red Cross Volunteers Support Canal Clean Up Efforts

Hyannis, MA, April 28th, 2010 – Red Cross disaster volunteers served lunch to some 150 volunteers who collected debris in the Upper Cape Canal area during the 10th annual Canal Clean up day April 23rd.



Robert Jacobson of West Yarmouth, Michael Robbins and Deborah Grady of Sandwich

Canal Clean Up day is sponsored by AmeriCorps. All food and supplies were donated by local merchants. This was the fourth year Red Cross volunteers were on-hand to support the feeding of the clean up effort.

As Training Administrator Michael Robbins of Sandwich said: *“It was a great day. It is very rewarding to see these young people make Cape Cod look cleaner and better.”*

The American Red Cross, Cape Cod and Islands Chapter currently has some 350 trained disaster volunteers (also called Disaster Action Team members) on Cape Cod, Martha’s Vineyard and Nantucket. Once they are trained, they can be deployed to support local disasters, such as fires, regional disasters like as the recent floods in New England or nationally. The chapter welcomes more volunteers and organizes classes on an ongoing basis.

All disaster relief efforts are provided free of charge and are made possible thanks to the volunteering of time and financial support from individuals, foundations and businesses.

For more information about volunteering, training or supporting the American Red Cross, Cape Cod and Islands Chapter, see the web site: cciredcross.org, call toll-free (508) 775-1540 or write to: 286 South Street, Hyannis, MA 02601.

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