

Holiday Mail for Heroes

The American Red Cross and Pitney Bowes are teaming up to collect and distribute holiday greeting cards to Veterans Hospitals and Military Units both at home and overseas. Visit cciredcross.org for more information. The Red Cross and Pitney Bowes will then screen cards for hazardous materials, sort and package the cards, and deliver them to military bases, veteran's hospitals and military hospitals during the holidays. A Sorting party at the Chapter is scheduled for early December.

Please mail your cards by Monday, December 7 to: Holiday Mail for Heroes, P. O. Box 5456, Capitol Heights, MD 20791-5456

A Special Word of Thanks

Thank you to Cape Air for helping to support the Disaster Volunteer Training Efforts at the Community Schools on the Islands.

Deadline for Heroes



Dec 22nd!

Please nominate your Hero and save the date for the 8th Annual Heroes Breakfast, Thursday March 4th, 2010. Download the nomination form online at cciredcross.org

Your Support Saves the Day

- 200 times a day, American Red Cross volunteers help a family who lost everything in a house fire or other disaster.
- 475 times a day, the Red Cross connects deployed service members with their families.
- 19,000 times a day, someone outside the US receives urgent care following a disaster from the Red Cross and our partners.
- 21,000 times a day, someone receives a blood transfusion from a Red Cross donor.
- 43,000 times a day, another person receives life-saving Red Cross health, safety and preparedness training.
- 290,000 times a day, a child receives a measles vaccination from the Red Cross and partners.
- Every 60 seconds, the life saving mission of the American Red Cross has benefited 250 people. **Your gift counts! Thank you.**

Happy Holidays and a safe 2010



Chapter Staff (Volunteers and Employees) preparing for the next disaster training classes and exercises



Looking for a gift for that special someone?

Red Cross introduces a very special Holiday Gift Catalog. Go to cciredcross.org and click on the link.

We also offer many great lifesaving holiday gifts, to include Emergency Preparedness Bags, First Aid kits, Pet First Aid books, Gift Certificates for Training, and much more...

Why we volunteer: Walter and June Von Hone



Walter and his wife June Von Hone of South Dennis have been volunteering for more than 10 years. *"We've been so fortunate in our lives we want to make others feel the same way."* The couple works with Disaster Services and supports the Nurse Aid Testing on Tuesdays.

Working during Hurricane Katrina was eye opening for them. *"We spent three days at Otis and at the Chapter house helping people who had nothing."* *"We love working with the disaster team and getting up at 3 am with the ERV, whether its 90 or 0 degrees."* *"People are so appreciative of us!"*

Once Walter recovers from his surgery, he and June are planning to help with the Red Cross Resource Center at the Massachusetts Military Reservation.

As Walter says: *"It keeps us young, and we have a lot of fun with it."* And June adds: *"Giving back to the community is something we live by."*

About the Chapter

The American Red Cross is the primary lead agency for Mass Care Emergency Response, Disaster Relief Services, Services to Military Families, and Health and Safety Training Services.

All Disaster Services to Disaster-affected Clients, Police, Firefighters and all others responding to emergencies are provided free of charge. Training is free to Red Cross volunteers.

The Chapter receives no government funding. Our resources are paid only through charitable donations, grants and in-kind support from individuals, foundations and businesses.

Thank you for your support.



Now you can save travel time and take a class at your own pace, simply go online and sign up. You will go through an interactive class.

Once you're done, you will make an appointment for a short in-person training and skill test session. If you pass that, you receive your certification.

The advantage of the online training is that you can take this class at your own pace at a time most convenient to you, even if it's at 2 am in the morning!

To sign up or for more information, call (508) 775-1540 or via the web site at cciredcross.org



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Health and Safety Welcomes AmeriCorps Volunteers



(left to right): Kevin Denney, Karen Whiting and Sarah Frese

Check out the schedules for upcoming training classes in First Aid, CPR/AED, Baby Sitting Training, Pet First Aid, Chokesaver with Restaurant Emergencies and more.. Go to cciredcross.org to register online or call (508) 775-1540 for more information.

Special group rates are available by calling Karen Whiting, Wendy Pierce or Flo Roberts at (508) 775-1540.

H1N1 Flu Update

Find a special preparedness flyer online at cciredcross.org

Free Disaster Education

The Chapter can organize free disaster presentations at your business or organization, throughout Cape Cod and the Islands. Call (508) 775-1540 to arrange for a presentation today or to receive preparedness check lists for flu, winter storms, etc.

Are you Red Cross Ready?

Request your free *Be Red Cross Ready* brochures, aimed at preparing people for disaster today! They are available in English and Portuguese online at www.cciredcross.org or via calling (508) 775-1540.

How Your Red Cross Donation Helps Disaster Victims

- \$75 provides 25 blankets at an emergency shelter.
- \$350 provides emergency food and shelter for 25 disaster-affected clients for one day.
- \$1,200 deploys one Emergency Response Vehicle to a local disaster.
- \$2,300 is the average yearly maintenance and fuel for one Emergency Response Vehicle

Update on the Clara Barton Society



The Chapter has introduced a special recognition program for its loyal and generous supporters of \$1,000 or more.

For more information, please contact us at the chapter at (508) 775-1540 or email us at development@cciredcross.org

Your Gift Saves the Day!

A gift of any size to the American Red Cross will save the day when the next disaster strikes: When a neighbor's house burns down. When someone needs lifesaving blood transfusion. When a family needs to contact a deployed service member in an emergency. When a child needs a hug and a blanket.

The gift that saves the day is the gift you give today. Your gift supports the lifesaving mission of the American Red Cross in your community, across the country and around the world.

Thank you for your continued support!

Join Friends of the Red Cross or Circle of Friends

A great way to help support the Red Cross with a 4-year pledge or with a monthly donation. Safe and easy through your credit card, you can help the chapter 12 months a year without receiving any additional appeals. Download a sign up form online or call (508) 775-1540 to join today.

American Red Cross Disaster Services

Red Cross volunteers participated in the Barnstable Airport Emergency Exercise in October and are organizing a drill at the Sandwich Regional Shelter at Oak Ridge School in November.

Red Cross volunteers gave out *Get to Know Us before You Need Us* information to military members and their families at a gathering of the Cape Cod Spouses Association and at an Army deployment.

Scout Emergency Preparedness Fair

The 3rd Annual Fair will be held on January 9th at the Barnstable Senior Center. Cub Scouts and Girl Scouts can finalize special preparedness merit badges in one morning. For more information, contact the Scout offices or Sarah Frese at (508) 775-1540 ext. 20.

Disaster Volunteer Training



Shelley Christiansen (photo) of Oak Bluffs became the new Staffing Lead on Martha's Vineyard. We trained two new teams (12 new Disaster Volunteers each), one for each island.

Becky Alden oversaw the training on MV and Michael Robbins oversaw Nantucket. Each team can now respond to local disasters (house fires, etc.) and has the ability to operate a shelter should the need arise.

A Disaster Volunteer training class is being planned at the Massachusetts Military Reservation in the Spring.

Save the dates for the Southern New England Disaster Training Institute: April 20 - 25th, 2010.

Activities Supported by AmeriCorps Volunteers



(left to right): Sean Murphy, Jenn Carlson-Benoit and Dan O'Hara.

Consider the Red Cross in your Year End Planning

Gifts of Cash - include currency, personal checks, money orders, credit cards and wire transfers. You are entitled to a charitable income tax deduction. The IRS allows you to claim charitable deductions for gifts of cash up to 50 percent of your adjusted gross income but only up to only 30 percent for gifts of appreciated assets.

Gifts of Securities - receive a double tax benefit: You can deduct the full fair market value of your appreciated securities – not just what you paid originally – if the securities have been owned more than one year. Donors save again by avoiding all capital gains taxes on the "paper profit" that would be owed upon a sale.

Gifts of appreciated securities are easy to make, and we'll be glad to help ensure that your gift qualifies for a 2009 charitable deduction. To learn how to make a gift of Appreciated Securities please call (508) 775-1540 or email to development@cciredccros.org

Thank you for your consideration.



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