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Red Cross receives \$7,500 Kelley Foundation Grant for *Training For Life*

Hyannis, Mass., May 20, 2008 – The Edward Bangs and Elza Bangs Kelley Foundation, Inc has provided a \$7,500 grant to the Cape Cod and Islands Chapter of the American Red Cross to support the *Training For Life* Program.

“Training For Life” is aimed at developing American Red Cross Community Scholarships to train high school students in our communities in CPR/AED and First Aid on Cape Cod.

One of the Chapter’s Strategic goals is a community preparedness break through goal to have at least one person trained in every household on Cape Cod and the Islands.

To this end, The Cape Cod and Islands Chapter will focus on the high school youth population on Cape Cod and the Islands for a number of reasons:

- Once trained in these basic life saving skills, they can take these skills with them and use them wherever they are, at home, at their college or university, at their jobs or in any other community they choose to live.
- Many young people are involved in multiple extra-curricular activities at school and within the community and they can help spread the community recognition of the need for training amongst others in their community. Knowing lifesaving skills could indeed help save lives.
- This training could be used towards school and organization community service requirements. The teenagers are typically home during the summer/possible hurricane season and would be able to help their family and neighbors in emergency situations.
- This community gift of life saving skills training will provide an individual experience of community service at work to each student, which will motivate them to become involved as volunteers later on in life.

Henry L. Murphy, Jr. of the Edward Bangs and Elza Bangs Kelley Foundation, Inc says:
“We are extremely pleased to provide this grant to the Cape Cod and Islands Chapter, because training our youth in these life saving skills has the potential to be of significant benefit to the health and welfare of Cape Cod residents.”

For more information about the Training For Life program, or to support the American Red Cross Cape Cod Islands Chapter, write to 286 South Street, Hyannis, MA 02601, call (508) 775-1540 or visit www.capecodandislandsredcross.org

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