



# News for Volunteers!

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## Grand Opening of the New Blood Donor Center

On Wednesday, April 9, 2003, the American National Red Cross celebrated the opening of a blood donor center at its new 2025 E St. Red Cross building. This blood donation center is replacing the 19th and I St. location, which has since closed. To schedule an appointment to give blood at the new location, call 1-800-GIVE-LIFE.

## Red Cross "D.C. Office" Moves to 2025 E St., NW

The D.C. Office of the American Red Cross of the National Capital Area has moved to 2025 E St., NW, Washington, D.C., sharing office space with employees from the American National Red Cross. All Red Cross services provided to D.C. residents will be coordinated from this location. Phil Terry, Ph.D. is the executive director of the D.C. Office and is joined by Cassandra King, Phil Love and Sandra Miller. For Health and Safety inquiries in the District, please call (202) 303-4522. For Disaster Services in the District, please call (20) 303-4525.

## A Brief History of the 2025 E St. Red Cross Building

This is the second Red Cross building to exist at this address. The first building, home to the former District of Columbia Chapter, was dedicated by President Dwight D. Eisenhower in 1952. After 41 years, the building was transferred to the American National Red Cross. Retaining some of some of the building's facade and internal features such as staircases, lighting fixtures and a beautiful tile mosaic, National Headquarters recently completed construction of the new building with these historic preserved items.

## Red Cross to Give CDE Presentation to 20,000 Nextel Employees

On Wednesday, April 16, the Red Cross will give a Community Disaster Education (CDE) presentation to 2,000 local Nextel employees in Reston, Va., in how to develop a family emergency plan. The presentation will be Web cast to and additional 15,000 Nextel employees nationwide. Interested in

## Red Cross Youth Volunteers Participate in National Youth Service Day

American Red Cross youth volunteers will renovate a crisis center in Lincoln Heights and teach the community valuable disaster preparedness lessons, part of National Youth Service Day activities on Saturday, April 12. Led by the American Red Cross Youth Task Force, 125 young volunteers will work with the Lincoln Heights community to paint a mural, plant a garden and furnish the crisis center in addition to providing information about disaster preparedness. The day ends with a youth rally, featuring entertainment by Hope Worldwide, to celebrate the volunteers who participated in the event and the opening of the crisis center.

## American Red Cross, Metro and Homeland Security Team Up for Preparedness

On Monday, April 14, the American Red Cross of the National Capital Area will join the American National Red Cross, Metro, the Department of Homeland Security, and the Federal Transit Authority in a press conference from 11 a.m. to noon, at the Department of Transportation Courtyard, 7th & D Streets S.W., entrance to the L'Enfant Plaza Metro rail station. The press conference will announce a partnership with these agencies to ensure that individuals in the Washington metro area know how to respond should an emergency occur while commuting to and from work in a transit environment. Later that day, Metro officials and Red Cross volunteers will distribute brochures with transit-related preparedness tips at the following Metro stations from 4:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m.: L'Enfant Plaza, Gallery Place-Chinatown, Metro Center and Rosslyn.

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## Chapter Hosts Volunteer Recognition Events

### Montgomery County

Montgomery County Red Cross volunteers were celebrated at the grand opening of the Upcounty Service Center on March 29.

### District

Mark your calendars! The Chapter will host a recognition event for District volunteers on May 15 . Details will follow...

### Fairfax

Mark your calendars! The Chapter will host a recognition event for Fairfax volunteers at American Medical Systems in Fairfax, Va., on Wednesday, April 23. Details will follow.

## Opportunities to Assist Families of Wounded Military

The Montgomery County Office has been coordinating volunteers who have attended a New Volunteer Orientation to be part of the Red Cross support for the families of wounded service personnel returning to Walter Reed Hospital. Volunteers need the ability to get to Walter Reed, a Red Cross Photo ID, and a government issued ID (driver's license, federal ID, etc). If you want to be on the list to receive more information about specific opportunities, reply to Vicki Osman with the following information: name, mailing address, e-mail address(s), and phone number(s) distinguished as daytime/evening/weekend. Contact Vicki Osman at [osmanv@usa.redcross.org](mailto:osmanv@usa.redcross.org)

## Join Team Red Cross in Race for the Cure

Join others Team Red Cross on Saturday, June 7, starting at 7:30 a.m. at Red Cross NHQ in DC, in supporting breast cancer research, education and treatment. Join Team Red Cross for the Susan G. Koman Breast Cancer Foundation's Annual Five-Kilometer (5K) Walk/Run. Team Red Cross is really two teams, one for runners and one for walkers. Anyone can participate, including family members and friends. To register go to <http://www.kintera.org/faf/home/default.asp?ievent=20048> and select the Team Red Cross code "ARC." To find out more about the National Race for the Cure, go to <http://www.nationalracefortheure.org/default.asp?urlPage=RInfo> For more information about Team Red Cross, contact Team Red Cross coordinator Michele Thomas at [thomasmic@usa.redcross.org](mailto:thomasmic@usa.redcross.org).

## Spring Issue of the Chapter Communicator

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