



News for Volunteers!

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Save A Life Tour

This past May, the National American Red Cross launched the Save A Life campaign as a national effort to encourage Americans to help save lives through regular blood donations. The goal is to collect 3,000,000 blood donations in a six month period. Our chapter will be participating with activities in November as the tour ends in Washington, DC at national headquarters. We will support the tour with information desks. For more information and to schedule an appointment to give blood visit, www.givelife.org

November 11, 2003

University of Maryland, College Park, MD

November 12, 2003

George Mason University, VA

November 13, 2003

Howard University, Washington, DC

November 14, 2003

Eleanor Roosevelt High School, Greenbelt, MD

November 15, 2003

White Flint Mall with Hot 99.5, White Flint, MD

Volunteer of the Year Award Nominations

We need your help in identifying outstanding volunteers for our Volunteer of the Year awards. At our annual meeting, we will be honoring these individuals and all of the volunteers for the work they do. If you would like to nominate someone, please mail or fax to Kim Gube the following information. (Contact information below) The deadline for nominations is Tuesday, August 26, 2003.

Nominations include

- Name of nominee
- Volunteer position and office/department where nominee works
- Current address/phone number
- Name, title and phone number of the nominator

- Statement of Nomination (not to exceed 2 pages)

- And may include one support document

Another way to recognize our volunteers is by featuring them on our Web site. We are always looking for a great story to post on www.redcrossnca.org. If you feel strongly about the work you do or know another volunteer who deserves recognition, please contact Courtney Prebich, media relations coordinator at prebichc@usa.redcross.org or 202-728-6435.

Disaster Relief Fund Critically Low

Over recent months, the role of provider has been reversed for the American Red Cross. The organization known for rushing aid to more than 600,000 disaster victims each year is now in need of its own assistance as finances from its Disaster Relief Fund have reached a critical low. This fiscal year, the account has been steadily drained by hundreds of small, but costly disasters. These "silent disasters", such as residential fires, often go unnoticed by national media and, therefore, do not generate financial contributions. While their scale may seem small compared to larger natural disasters, the impact is just as devastating to the families affected and the need for Red Cross assistance is equally vital.

Please share with friends and family information on giving. Call 1-800-HELP NOW or 1-800-257-7575 (Spanish). Contributions to the Disaster Relief Fund may also be sent to or to American Red Cross of the National Capital Area, 2131 K St, NW, Washington, DC 20037 or Internet users can make secure online credit card donations by visiting www.redcrossnca.org

Measles Initiative Project

Our chapter's International Social Services Committee will be supporting the American Red Cross Measles Initiative project in Africa. As many as 1.2 million children have died from this disease that can be easily prevented with less than \$1.00. The project aims to vaccinate as many as 200 million children in Africa. For more information on the Measles Initiative, visit <http://www.measlesinitiative.org/> or <http://www.redcross.org/> and click on initiatives on Africa section.

For more information about becoming involved with the International Social Services Committee and the Measles Initiative project, contact Norma Gamero at gameron@usa.redcross.org, 301-628-0053.