



# News for Volunteers!

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## American National Red Cross Announces New Celebrity Cabinet

Members of our second annual National Celebrity Cabinet have committed to volunteer for one year to promote awareness of Red Cross services and activities nationwide. The extraordinarily talented individuals recruited for this cabinet represent an exceptional combination of well-respected actors, television personalities, musical artists, sports figures and a clothing designer. The 2003 National Celebrity Cabinet members are Ruben Blades, Jim Cantore, Heidi Klum, Jimmie Johnson, Lonestar, Peyton Manning, Marlee Matlin, Chi McBride, Tim McGraw, Nicole Miller, Nancy O'Dell, Pete Yorn, Al Roker, Jane Seymour, Randy Travis, and Kurt Warner. For biographical information and photos, please go <http://www.redcross.org/news/other/entertainment/natcelebrity/members.asp>.

## UPDATE! Active Red Cross Volunteers Are Eligible for Ford Program

As an American Red Cross employee or active volunteer, you now have increased purchasing power when you set out to buy or lease a new vehicle! Because you work or volunteer for the Red Cross, you are eligible to participate in a program based on our status as a longstanding fleet customer of the Ford Motor Company. Through this program, Red Cross employees and active volunteers can purchase or lease eligible vehicles at Ford Motor Company's X-Plan price (S-Plan for Mazda vehicles). This translates to a savings to Red Cross employees and volunteers of hundreds or even thousands of dollars on the purchase or lease of brand new vehicles. For more information visit Ford's web site, [www.fordpartner.com](http://www.fordpartner.com) and type in our partner code, NH433.

## Volunteer at the Red Cross "Call Center" (1-866-GET-INFO)

Volunteer opportunities, both on-phone and administrative, are available at the American Red Cross "Call Center," officially named the Disaster Information and Resource Center in Falls Church, Virginia. People from all across the United States and its territories can call 1-866-GET-INFO, toll-free, at any time to receive Red Cross information, assistance, and referrals. This 24/7 facility has tremendous workload fluctuation. Its busiest times are when a particular relief operation relies on the Call Center to assist in delivering direct service over the phone to those in need.

A training session will be held for those interested in volunteering at the Call Center on Tuesday, June 10, from 7 to 9 p.m. at 2950 Gallows Road, located in the Fairfax Plaza Shopping Center. The hands-on training will introduce the telephone and online resource systems used at the Call Center. Volunteers should be familiar with email, navigating a Web browser, and entering information into a database (Microsoft Access). Volunteers should be comfortable taking calls and be willing to provide general Red Cross information and explain programs and services. Volunteers must be registered with a Red Cross Chapter but do not have to be in disaster services to participate. To attend the June 10 training session or to request additional information, contact [cldv@usa.redcross.org](mailto:cldv@usa.redcross.org).

## Youth Blood Services Recruitment

In conjunction with the Greater Chesapeake and Blood Region and our chapter, we will be training youth, ages 14 and up, to work at blood drives over the summer. The orientations and blood services training will be held throughout the chapter's jurisdiction in June. Contact Kim Gube for more information, [gubek@usa.redcross.org](mailto:gubek@usa.redcross.org), (202) 728-6433.

## \*\*\*URGENT Volunteers Needed for Celebrate Fairfax this weekend

Celebrate Fairfax will take place on June 6, 7 and 8. For more information visit: [www.celebratefairfax.com](http://www.celebratefairfax.com)

Our Fairfax/Falls Church Office will be representing the National Capital Area Chapter with a family safety funhouse at Celebrate Fairfax. Red Cross volunteers will engage young people in playing Safety Bingo, learning how to stop, drop and roll, and calling 911. If you are interested in volunteering on Friday, Saturday and/or Sunday, please email Judi Humphreys at [humphreysj@usa.redcross.org](mailto:humphreysj@usa.redcross.org).

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## **Tee up for Red Cross at the Fifth Annual Celebrity Golf Tournament**

**Friday, June 27, 2003**

**Registration/Practice begins at 10:30 a.m.**

**Tee off is at noon**

The Golf Tournament will be held at the private Beacon Hill Golf Club located in Loudoun County, Va. For more information on registering you can contact the office of special events at (202) 728-6692, or visit our Web site and click on chapter events for June ([www.redcrossnca.org](http://www.redcrossnca.org)). If you are interested in volunteering the day of with set-up, greeting, registration, serving beverages, or clean-up, please contact Judy Day at [dayj@usa.redcross.org](mailto:dayj@usa.redcross.org).

Youth Services Hosts SPARC! The Summer Program at the American Red Cross (SPARC!) is a service-learning program for youth interested in community service, disaster, safety and health issues. The program fuses education about Red Cross services with hands-on services. The program is every Wednesday from July 9 to August 13, from 10:30 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Youth can...

- Become certified in Red Cross First Aid
- Gain experience in fundraising
- Learn how to prepare and assess projects
- Practice canvassing, public speaking, and community outreach

There is NO FEE to attend and participants gain community service hours. Young people in the 7th, 8th and/or 9th grade are encouraged to apply. For more information or an application contact Lindsay Dart ([dartli@usa.redcross.org](mailto:dartli@usa.redcross.org)) at 202-728-6422.