

Your Red Cross in Action

News for supporters and volunteers of the Blount County Chapter of the American Red Cross



**American
Red Cross**

BLOUNT COUNTY CHAPTER

*Every minute, every day
While you read this, the
Red Cross is responding
to disasters of every size
and scope, providing relief
to those in need—free of
charge. Whether the
crisis is immediate and
local or spans the globe,
the Red Cross is there.*

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Ever wonder what is going on at the Blount County Chapter house? Check out this *example* of what we do with the help of our valuable volunteers. Though it is subject to change at any moment, we are always prepared and working to serve You, our community.

Sunday	5:30 am	Disaster Action Team (DAT) responds to apartment fire
	8:00	DAT opens shelter for 34 apartment fire evacuees
	11:30	Volunteers serve lunch at shelter
	5:30 pm	Volunteers serve supper at shelter
	10:00 pm	Volunteers shop for food and shelter supplies
Monday	7:30 am	Volunteers serve breakfast at shelter
	8:30	Administer CPR challenges for child care workers
	10:00	Go to local school for School Health presentation
	11:30	Volunteers serve lunch at shelter
	1:30 pm	Prepare teaching supplies: Blount Memorial Occupational Health
	4:00	Shelter closes; clean and store supplies and equipment
	6:00	Community Adult CPR class in West Community Classroom
Tuesday	7:00 am	Coffee/water to emergency workers at truck wreck leaking fuel
	8:30	Helpline meeting at the United Way
	9:00	Prepare teaching supplies: Cornerstone Center for Recovery
	9:30	Educate Youth in Scrubby Bear program
	10:00	Local Emergency Planning Committee meeting
	12:30	Volunteer from high school cleans manikins and faces
	2:45	Send military message "Critical illness of father"
	6:00	Community Child & Infant CPR class
Wednesday	9:00 am	Meet with victims of single family fire
	11:00	Health & Safety Services work group
	3:00 pm	Youth volunteers clean windows at Chapter House
	4:00	Volunteer instructor to Denso for Full Service CPR class
	6:00	Evaluation meeting: DAT shelter operation
Thursday	8:00 am	Board of Directors monthly meeting
	9:45	Respond to house fire with propane leak
	11:00	Regional Red Cross planning and support meeting
	6:00 pm	Community First Aid class
Friday	9:00 am	Volunteer enters course record data into computer
	10:00	Weekly staff meeting (rescheduled from Monday)
	11:00	Send press release about upcoming classes
	2:00 pm	Committee meeting: prepare for volunteer appreciation event
Saturday	7:00 am	First Aid Station Team set up at local outdoor event
	9:00	Babysitting Class at the Chapter House

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The Red Cross In Our Community

About the Red Cross

In 1905, the American Red Cross was charged by Congress to “carry on a system of national and international relief in time of peace and apply the same in mitigating the sufferings caused by pestilence, famine, fire, floods, and other great national calamities, and to devise and carry on measures for preventing the same.”

Our vital work is made possible by people like you, who learn how good it can feel to lend a helping hand.

In an effort to carry out that mandate in our community, the Red Cross has designed programs and services to prepare for and respond to your emergency and disaster related needs before, during and after a disaster.

Preparedness

When the CDC issued information related to the possibility of a bird flu pandemic in this nation in the foreseeable future, the Red Cross was there to help the community by providing presentations and information on disease prevention and family caregiving. Every day, volunteers give out pamphlets to inform you of the availability of life saving CPR and aquatics courses or to help you prepare for potential natural hazards.

Health & Safety Services

Monty and his daughter, Carrie, were enjoying a snack on the front porch when Carrie suddenly got very quiet. Monty noticed Carrie had put her hands around her neck. When Monty asked Carrie if she was choking, she did not respond. Monty's training kicked in and he was able to perform the appropriate technique to save his daughter's life.

The Blount County Chapter offers courses that help people change lives. From first aid, CPR and AED (Automated External Defibrillator) training to swimming and lifeguarding, our Health & Safety programs help people live healthier lives.

Youth Services

When Aaron had an allergic reaction to a bee sting, the babysitter, Chris, knew just what to do. Thanks to his Red Cross babysitter's training, Chris knew to call 911 (in addition to Aaron's parents) and was able to monitor Aaron's signs and symptoms until help arrived.

The Red Cross provides young people with meaningful opportunities for education, training and community service.

The Unwavering Face of Help

Red Cross.

Disaster Services

In the middle of the night, Ron and Linda's son woke them, yelling, "Mom! Dad! The house is on fire!" Linda called the fire department while Ron made sure all of their family members and pets were safe and that neighbors evacuated the other apartments.

The fast-moving fire destroyed everything that Ron and Linda's family had, and left them standing in the cold in only their pajamas. The Red Cross was on scene with blankets and warm drinks, and stuffed animals to help comfort the children. We also provided canteen service for the firefighters so that they could keep their strength to continue fighting the fire.

In the aftermath, the Red Cross helped Ron and Linda's family regain some sense of normalcy by providing for their immediate basic needs, helping them access community resources to re-establish a home, and providing counseling services and referrals when the children began experiencing nightmares related to the fire.

At no time has the Red Cross ever asked Ron and Linda to repay any of the assistance provided to them. Today, Ron and Linda give back to the community that helped them through their disaster by volunteering on the Disaster Action Team and helping other families who experience similar situations.

Volunteer Services

In America, we share a common spirit that binds us together when times are tough and unites us in action when people are suffering. Blount County is a place where we take care of each other. *When you help the American Red Cross, you help Blount County*

Our mission is clear; The Red Cross is America's partner in preparedness and leader in disaster response. We are not a government agency, and do not receive government funding. By making a financial contribution and volunteering your time and talent, you can support the lifesaving services of the American

Services to the Armed Forces

From our roots, the Red Cross has focused on providing services to our nation's servicemen and servicewomen. For example, when John was suddenly and unexpectedly diagnosed with cancer, the Red Cross was able to transmit the request for emergency leave to his son's unit in the Middle East. Will was able to be at his father's side during the radical surgical procedure. And when Joanie gave birth to her first child, the Red Cross was able to send her husband, serving in Korea, the first glimpse of his new son through an instantaneous real-time video connection.

The Red Cross is a lifeline to members of the US Armed Forces, sending communications all over the world on behalf of family members facing emergencies or other important events, providing counseling to service members and their families, and facilitating access to financial assistance for food, temporary housing, emergency travel and medical care.

"I'm well and strong and young -- young enough to go to the front. If I cannot be a soldier, I'll help soldiers."—Clara Barton

International Services

International Service initiatives focus on primary health care, emergency response and preparedness, restoring family links, and the dissemination of international humanitarian law.

The Red Cross is a world-wide organization with 176 member societies. The American Red Cross is currently working with our partner Red Cross and Red Crescent societies on projects related to health, nutrition, water and sanitation, and disaster



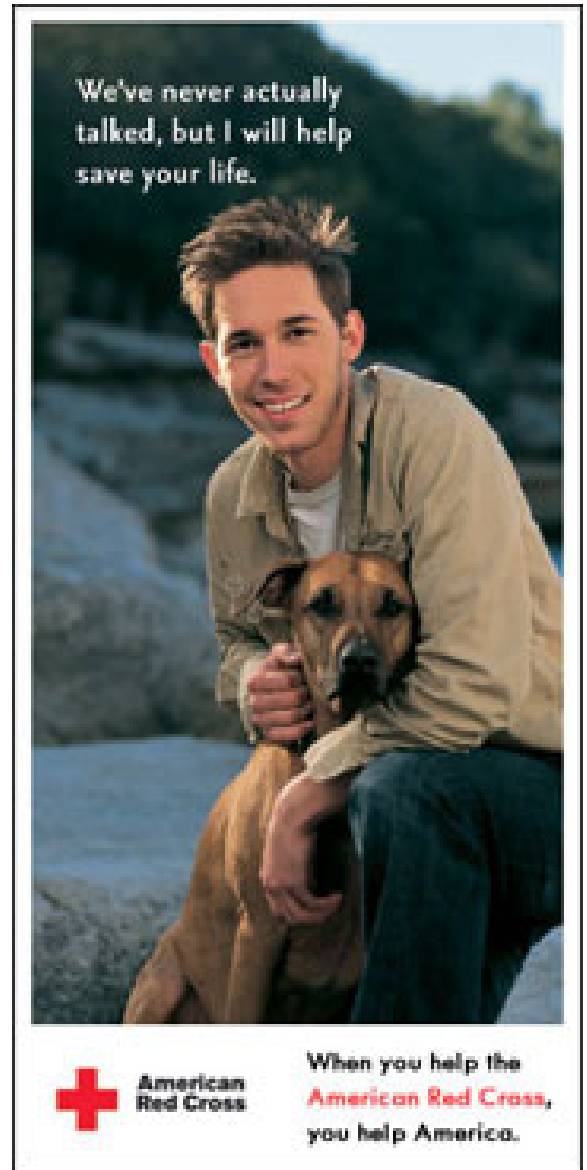
Statement of Financial Position For the Year Ending June 30, 2007

Revenue

United Way	\$ 196,930
Monetary Contributions	\$ 53,739
Special Events	\$ 21,588
Bequests	\$ 1,000
In-kind Contribution	\$ 3,185
Products & Services	\$ 71,732
Investment Income	\$ 8,026
	<u>\$ 356,200</u>

Expenses

Program Services	
Services to the Armed Forces	\$ 24,385
Disaster Services	\$ 55,866
Health & Safety Services	\$ 75,648
Community & Youth Services	\$ 85,901
International Services	\$ 533
Membership and Fund Raising	\$ 14,003
Management and General	\$ 48,716
Chapter Assessment	\$ 48,249
TOAL EXPENSES AND LOSSES	<u>\$ 353,301</u>
FY 08 Budget	\$ 380,697



How Does \$1000 Make a Difference?

To us, \$1000 can do a lot. The following are just some examples of that the Blount County Chapter could do with a \$1000 donation.

- Provide one disaster/preparedness training for approximately 25-35 individuals.
- Fully train and prepare one disaster volunteer to participate in an out-of-county disaster response.
- 40 Emergency Preparedness Kits.
- 160 blankets for sheltering.
- Provide disaster assistance to one 3-4 member family following a house fire.
- One laptop for mobile disaster response.
- One desktop computer for chapter use.
- ID cards for approximately 100 volunteers.
- 150 emergency meal kits (MRE type meals).
- One commercial grade flag pole.
- 20 shelving units for storage of disaster response and preparedness supplies and equipment.
- 4 pet manikins (2 dog/2 cat) and supplies for Pet First Aid courses.
- 20 babies for babysitting classes.
- A scissor gate to secure the disaster doc and disaster storage area.
- 10—8 GB USB Flash Drives to back up our server and workstations according to American National Red Cross policies.
- 62 twin size air mattresses for more comfortable sheltering.
- 100 self-powered flashlights.
- 10-12 instances of providing canteen service to first responders.
- 5 Uninterrupted Power Supplies (UPSs) for chapter workstations to maintain function during temporary power outages.
- 285 gallons of fuel for our van and/or Emergency Response Vehicle.
- One set of cubicle walls to allow increased privacy for a sheltered family.
- Allow on-scene provision of financial assistance to individuals/families experiencing a disaster by providing approximately 12 months of service on an internet air card.
- 4—10x10 tents for Red Cross presence at community events.
- 4000 preparedness brochures for distribution to Blount County residents

Everyday Heroes

What's a hero? Like art, heroism is in the eye of the beholder. You know a hero when you see one. At the American Red Cross, we are fortunate to see heroes every day.

We draw our very identity from the millions of everyday heroes who freely give their time, talent, and financial support to the organization. In addition to the people who help the Red Cross directly,

there are scores of everyday heroes in your hometown:



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Hometown Heroes

the busy teacher who takes the time to help a student when she still has a stack of

papers to grade; the firefighters who enter the building while others are running out; the first responders who brave the elements to help those in need during a disaster. The men and women in our armed services that display their heroism on the front line every day. How could we get by without their courage, valor and selflessness? Our lives depend on them....so does the Red Cross.

Far Away, Never Far From Home

While there are Services to the Armed Forces (SAF) stations all over the world housing mobile employees, the mobile staff members deployed to Iraq, Kuwait and Afghanistan work and live with the troops in the areas of conflict. SAF deployed staff live and work side-by-side with military personnel on the



Reservists Debra Weaver, Roxanne Forbes, Dennis Moran and Team Leader Kathleen Butler serving the Red Cross mobile Services to the Armed Forces team while stationed in Baghdad.

military installations. They wear uniforms and follow the same protocol as service members.

Blount County's own Roxanne Forbes is one of those brave souls who has served time in Baghdad, Iraq, acting as a lifeline to members of the U.S. Armed Forces.

Stronger After Every Storm

Even before disaster strikes, the Red Cross teaches people how to prepare and minimize potential harm.

The Red Cross empowers Blount County to create safer



homes, safer workplaces safer schools— a safer community.

The Red Cross is increasingly challenged by the evolving nature and magnitude of threats facing today's world.

The way we help may change, the numbers we help have grown. Yet how we help has remained constant: an outstretched hand, a smile, a can-do attitude and a passion for showing Blount County how it can stay safer, prepare better, and live healthier lives.

Our Chapter Wishlist

Chapterhouse Needs

- ◆ 10 - 8GB USB Drives or Flash Cards with readers to back up electronic information
- ◆ 2 utility carts
- ◆ Landscaping (including erosion control)
- ◆ Steps constructed for Community Service Center stage
- ◆ Scissor gate to divide Disaster Dock from Community Service Center
- ◆ Sign design, construction, and installation for front of building
- ◆ Metal porticos at both exits from the West Center
- ◆ 2 outdoor flag poles and flags
- ◆ Est. 5,000 sq. ft. of durable carpet for the Community Service Center
- ◆ Video/DVD projector and large projection screen with speaker system
- ◆ Generator to continue operation during emergency operations (est. \$15,000.00)
- ◆ Shelving for service materials (metal preferred)
- ◆ Shelving for attic storage space
- ◆ Supplemental lighting for the Community Service Center
- ◆ Tents for Red Cross functions at community events
- ◆ Wall cabinets for Utility Room
- ◆ Computers with 19" flat screen monitors
- ◆ Commercial quality vacuum cleaner

Disaster Services Needs:

- ◆ 10 Cambros (restaurant style beverage containers)
- ◆ Items for comfort kits:
 - ◆ Large bars of bath soap
 - ◆ Deodorant
 - ◆ Toothbrushes and toothpaste
 - ◆ Washcloths and Towels
 - ◆ Hair brushes
 - ◆ Shampoo and conditioner
 - ◆ other personal toiletries

Volunteer Needs

Chapter Opportunities:

- ◆ Office Assistant

Disaster Services Opportunities:

- ◆ Training Instructors
- ◆ Disaster Action Team Members
- ◆ Nursing Staff
- ◆ Mental Health Professionals
- ◆ Food Service Professionals
- ◆ Shelter Managers
- ◆ ERV Drivers
- ◆ Volunteers willing to deploy/travel for 3 weeks on assignment

Health & Safety Services Opportunities:

- ◆ CPR and First Aid Instructors
- ◆ Water Safety Instructors
- ◆ Lifeguard Instructors

Community & Youth Services Opportunities:

- ◆ Babysitting Instructors
- ◆ Basic Aid Training, First Aid for Children Today, and Tommy the Safety Cat Leaders
- ◆ School Health Clinic Chairs and Volunteers

The Red Cross is not a government agency; it relies on donations of time, talent, and treasure to do its work.

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Our Mission

The American Red Cross, a humanitarian organization led by volunteers and guided by its Congressional Charter and the Fundamental Principles of the International Red Cross Movement, will provide relief to victims of disaster and help people prevent, prepare for, and respond to emergencies.

Fundamental Principles of the International Red Cross and Red Crescent Movement

Humanity

The International Red Cross and Red Crescent Movement, born of a desire to bring assistance without discrimination to the wounded on the battlefield, endeavors, in its international and national capacity, to prevent and alleviate human suffering wherever it may be found. Its purpose is to protect life and health and to ensure respect for the human being. It promotes mutual understanding, friendship, cooperation, and lasting peace amongst all peoples.

Unity

There can be only one Red Cross or Red Crescent Society in any one country. It must be open to all. It must carry on its humanitarian work throughout its territory.

Universality

The International Red Cross and Red Crescent Movement, in which all Societies have equal status and share equal responsibilities and duties in helping each other, is worldwide

Neutrality

In order to continue to enjoy the confidence of all, the Movement may not take sides in hostilities or engage in any time in controversies of a political, racial, religious, or ideological nature.

Voluntary Service

It is a voluntary relief movement not prompted in any manner by a desire for gain.

Impartiality

It makes no discrimination as to nationality, race, religious beliefs, class, or political opinions. It endeavors to relieve the suffering of individuals, being guided solely by their needs, and to give priority to the most urgent cases of distress

Independence

The Movement is independent. The National societies, while auxiliaries in the humanitarian services of their governments and subject to the laws of their respective countries, must always maintain their autonomy so that they may be able at all times to act in accordance with the principles of the Movement