



American  
Red Cross

# standing Strong...

Greater Ozarks Chapter

## The Mission of the American Red Cross

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 disasters and help people prevent, prepare for, and respond to emergencies.

### Keeping The Promise With Wise Stewardship

The Red Cross was there for hundreds of southwest Missourians in 2002 and 2003. The careful stewardship of our resources assures that whenever and wherever we're needed, we'll be there.

#### We promise to be there

- for military families in crisis.
- to help human nature triumph over mother nature.
- to teach lifesaving health and safety skills.
- for victims of wars and disasters around the world.

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## The American Red Cross... ready to respond...touching more lives, in new ways... under the same trusted symbol.

Since 1917, people in the Ozarks have turned to the American Red Cross for emergency services. Today, trained and dedicated American Red Cross volunteers are helping their neighbors right here in southwest Missouri. Although it is not a government agency, the American Red Cross is chartered by Congress to provide special services to members of the U.S. Armed Forces and to disaster victims. Today, the American Red Cross and its nationwide family of 1.2 million adult and youth volunteers remain a vital part of nearly every community in America, constantly adapting to meet the emergency needs of their neighbors.

### Ready to Respond...

Present in many communities, the Red Cross provides high-quality, relevant services that help people prevent, prepare for and respond to emergencies. Always on alert, Red Cross Disaster Services rushed to assist victims of 288 disaster cases last year. A total of 1,071 disaster clients were provided immediate emergency assistance to help them get back on their feet.

- 113 disaster volunteers provided disaster relief in 14 counties.
- 44 locally trained volunteers were assigned to American Red Cross national disasters relief operations in 144 relief operation assignments.
- 173 certificates were issued to volunteers for disaster training.
- 17,237 individuals learned about disaster preparedness through Red Cross disaster education programs and materials.

### Touching More Lives

Health and Safety Services meets new, emerging needs daily in our communities, our nation, and the world through quality programs. CPR/AED and First Aid classes for industrial workers, HIV/AIDS Peer Education, and fire safety presentations for pre-schoolers are some of the ways the American Red Cross serves an increasingly diverse public. This past year, 12,369 individuals were taught lifesaving Red Cross skills through 1,737 courses.

- 45 volunteer instructors gave 5,770 hours teaching

Health & Safety courses.

- 2,442 individuals learned more about Health & Safety Services through 30 presentations/demonstrations.
- 2,050 attendees received Red Cross Health & Safety information at 5 Health Fairs.
- 36 volunteers contributed 1,628 hours to serve in 11 Community First Aid Stations.
- 14,452 volunteer hours were given to hospitals, special projects, data entry and clerical duties.

### In New Ways...

The American Red Cross is constantly learning and maximizing our human potential for responding to new opportunities for service. As new technologies evolve, the avenues for relaying messages between members of the military and their families increase.

- Locally this past year, 645 families of members of the Armed Forces were assisted through emergency messages placed by Red Cross Armed Forces Emergency Services (AFES) personnel.
- 41 financial cases generated advances issued, loans arranged or grants awarded to service members and/or their families.
- 26 on-call duty workers volunteered 6,772 hours to grant requests for assistance or guidance in locating or communicating with a service person.

### Under the Same Trusted Symbol.

The American Red Cross is your neighbor in southwest Missouri. Volunteers come from all walks of life to help people regardless of race, creed, color or religion. The Red Cross is the woman next door who teaches first aid or the businessman who trains his employees in CPR. The Red Cross is the on-call volunteer who relays an emergency message to a service member far from home or the peer educator who informs high school classmates about HIV/AIDS. No matter who we are, our goal is the same-to make our communities better, safer places to live-under the same trusted symbol.



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**Statement of  
Activities  
Year ended June 30, 2003**

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