
Mission Statement

The American Red Cross, a humanitarian organization led by volunteers, 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.

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The American Red Cross Monroe County Chapter is not a government agency, and relies on financial contributions to serve our communities with disaster response, emergency preparedness and services to U.S. military members and their families.

Clara Barton Giving Society

Without individuals who are committed to Red Cross principles, we could not have provided the important work we do in the community over the past 90 years. The Clara Barton Society recognizes local donors at various giving levels, from Friend to Benefactor. Call us or visit our website at www.monroe-redcross.org to learn more about this national giving society.

Be a Hero for the American Red Cross

Who is a Hero? Anyone who gives or raises \$1,000 or more for the American Red Cross to help us provide critical local disaster relief and emergency preparedness services in Monroe and Owen Counties. Our Heroes campaign takes place in the spring. Call our office for more information about this fun campaign!

American Red Cross Annual Book Fair

This is an annual Bloomington tradition. When fall color is upon us the first week in October, it's time to visit the Monroe County Fairgrounds to browse over 80,000 gently used books, CDs, DVDs, games, & puzzles donated all year long by the generous residents of Monroe and surrounding counties. This signature fundraising event has been held every year since 1984. You can't afford to miss it!



Community Presence Monroe & Owen Counties 2008 Annual Report



Member Agency



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The Red Cross in Our Community

Disaster Relief and Community Disaster Education

When a disaster threatens or strikes, the Red Cross is there. This year we responded to 32 local single family home fire disasters. We also responded to the historic Indiana floods and tornadoes in Monroe & Owen Counties in June of 2008. We provided casework assistance to 181 affected individuals and families, distributed 731 clean up and comfort kits, and provided 365 emergency meals to flood victims.

Because being prepared can make your family and community safer and sometimes minimize injury and destruction, we provided disaster response and preparedness education information to 119 persons in the community.

Health and Safety Services

From first aid, CPR and AED training to swimming and lifeguarding, American Red Cross programs help people lead safer and healthier lives. This year, 4,258 individuals learned lifesaving skills through First Aid, CPR, AED and mission-related caregiving classes offered by the chapter. In Aquatics, we taught lifeguard, parent and child aquatics, water skills and water safety instructor training to 1,940 individuals. We have 209 Instructors teaching Red Cross certified lifesaving in our chapter jurisdiction.

International Services

The international tracing program helps local families find relatives with whom they have lost contact because of a natural disaster, war or internal conflict.

We taught 14 students in the Red Cross-certified class, International Humanitarian Law.

Armed Forces Emergency Services

The American Red Cross provides communication between those in the Armed Forces and their families. We have a worldwide network that reaches service members wherever they are to communicate a birth, death or illness. This year we provided emergency connections for sixty-one local families and their loved ones serving in U.S. armed forces.

Lifeline Medical Alert System

This program enables individuals with disabilities or chronic illness to live independently at home. The personal emergency response system puts them immediately in touch with help and gives family members peace of mind and assures prompt assistance is close at hand. Our program served 669 clients last year, and currently has over 500 subscribers in our 10-county area.

A Note About Volunteers

We depend on volunteers of all ages and backgrounds to carry on our work. Volunteers constitute 97 percent of our total workforce, serving as members of the board, instructors teaching lifesaving skills, disaster action team members, office administrators, event organizers and more. This year we hosted two Americorps Vista volunteers in service.

This year, 586 volunteers made the work of the chapter possible, contributing thousands of hours in all of our community services, as well as traveling to

other regions to provide emergency services to persons affected by disasters.

Monroe County Chapter Audited Financial Information

Statement of Financial Position For the Year Ending June 30, 2008

BEGINNING NET ASSETS	\$ 537,622
ENDING NET ASSETS	584,904

Statement of Activities

TOTAL CONTRIBUTIONS, REVENUES AND GAINS	524,015
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Expenses and Losses

Armed Forces Emergency Services	7,755
Disaster Services	133,866
Health & Safety	140,179
Community Services	79,216
International Services	4,986
Total Program Services	\$366,002

Membership and Fund Raising	54,033
Management and General	56,698

TOTAL EXPENSES AND LOSSES	\$476,733
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Change in Net Assets	\$ 47,282
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