

# How YOU Can Help the Red Cross

## Disaster Services



*Disaster Services provides emergency relief to victims of disasters. This department provides service 24 hours a day and plans for large-scale national disasters.*

There are several ways to assist the Disaster Services department, including:

**Disaster Action Team:** DAT members are Red Cross first responders who go to disaster sites and provide displaced families with immediate relief.

**Disaster Management Team:** DMT members work year-round to plan for local large-scale disasters.

**Community Disaster Education:** CDE instructors educate the community in ways to prevent, prepare for and respond to emergencies.

**Client Services Casework:** Caseworkers assist clients affected by disaster to develop and implement recovery plans, to identify other resources, as well as monitor and support clients throughout their recovery process.

**Disaster Health and Mental Health:** Healthcare volunteers use their professional expertise to help clients through the recovery process.

**Administrative Support:** Volunteers help with data entry, filing and administrative duties.

## Service to Armed Forces

*One of the Congressionally-mandated services, this department provides 24 hour emergency communications between members of the U.S. military and their families. We also provide support to the veterans and staff at McGuire VA Medical Center.*

As an **SAF Volunteer**, you can provide support to Service to Armed Forces through our programs at Hunter-Holmes McGuire VA Medical Center. Volunteers assist hospital staff by visiting with patients and their families, participating in recreational events, coordinating therapeutic events, and assisting with daily activities.

## International Services +◊C

*The Red Cross helps vulnerable people around the world prevent, prepare for, and respond to disasters, complex humanitarian emergencies and life-threatening health conditions. We accomplish this by working with the International Red Cross and Red Crescent movement.*

You can help through several programs:

**Tracing and Messaging Casework:** Volunteers locate missing loved ones separated by war, the Holocaust, disaster, or civil unrest, and relay messages between separated family members.

**Language Bank:** Volunteers are needed to translate a variety of languages for emergency workers during disasters.

**Web of Hope:** Members knit, crochet and sew blankets, sweaters, hats, and mittens which are distributed to the underprivileged throughout the world.

**Multicultural Outreach:** Volunteers ensure that diverse populations in our community know about Red Cross services.

## The Center for Community & Corporate Education (CCCE)

*The CCCE provides life-saving education to the community, like First Aid, CPR, AED, babysitting and water safety.*

Perform the ultimate volunteer service: help save a life! Our CCCE welcomes your time and talents as a Volunteer Instructor. As an instructor, you'll be using the latest training materials and techniques to teach others how to prevent, prepare for, and respond to emergencies. The training is free and the rewards are priceless.

Support the CCCE by becoming a **Volunteer Instructor** for CPR/AED, First Aid, Aquatics, Pet First Aid, or Babysitting Training. Bilingual instructors are especially needed!

Other volunteers are needed to provide **logistics support** (equipment maintenance) and **administrative assistance** to the department.



## Transportation Services

*The Greater Richmond Chapter is a provider of free, non-emergency medical transportation to qualified persons in Henrico, Hanover and Chesterfield counties, and the City of Richmond.*

You can help the Transportation program by being a **Volunteer Driver**. Drivers use Red Cross vehicles to take people of all ages to and from life-sustaining medical appointments when they have no other resource.

Drivers must commit to providing at least two full days of service per month to drive chemotherapy, dialysis, and physical rehabilitation patients to appointments. Other volunteers are needed to provide **fleet maintenance** and **administrative assistance** to the department.



## Youth & Young Adult Program

*There are many opportunities for youth involvement at the American Red Cross!*

**Red Cross Clubs:** Youth of any age can form and/or join *Red Cross Clubs* through schools or community organizations and start helping out the community!

**Youth Leadership Council:** Join a team of high school students from the Greater Richmond area to participate in service projects and leadership training activities throughout the school year.

**Youth Chapter Volunteers:** Support our Chapter's daily activities, including special events and clerical projects. You can also take on a leadership role within the Youth and Young Adult Program!

Please contact the Youth and Young Adult Program at (804) 343-2772 for more information.

## Other Opportunities

*The Chapter can always use volunteers to assist with daily departmental duties.*

**Front Information Desk Team Members:** Greet visitors at the Chapter as well as provide information to callers and clients.

**Four Wheel Drive Drivers:** Volunteers with four-wheel drive vehicles are needed to assist the Chapter in providing services at times of inclement weather.

**Office Support:** Administrative support assistants often help departments on a long-term or as-needed basis.

**Financial Development:** Assist with fundraising by staffing special events, thanking donors, and entering gifts into our database.

**Public Relations:** Write articles for the newsletter and website or be trained to speak with the media during disasters.

**Accounting:** Support the Business Operations department through data entry and various finance-related tasks.

## Internships

Internships are available for credit in almost every department. Each semester

there are opportunities in the Public Relations department, the Center for Community & Corporate Education, Volunteer Resources, and Disaster Services. Call the Chapter for more information.

## Get Started

To volunteer with the Chapter, simply fill out an application, attend an orientation session, and complete a background check. Call 343-2096 for an application.

Please note that every volunteer opportunity is different, requiring various training, time commitments, or skill sets. Some positions may require a uniform or use of your own car.

## 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

Humanity + Impartiality + Neutrality  
Independence + Voluntary Service  
Unity + Universality

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## Greater Richmond Chapter



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# Volunteer Opportunities



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