



Together, we can save a life

AMERICAN RED CROSS PIEDMONT CHAPTER

Volunteer Connection

# From the Volunteer Coordinator: National Volunteer Week is April 19th–25th!

Dear Volunteers,

Each year we take a week to honor people who dedicate themselves to taking action and solving problems in their communities. This year, **National Volunteer Week is April 19th through the 25th.**

The theme of National Volunteer Week is "Celebrating People in Action," and that is just what Red Cross volunteers are – people in action. We consider our volunteers to be vital for the delivery of our services and fulfillment of our mission.

From the volunteers who respond to fires, to the instructors who teach life saving courses; we thank you. Your work has not gone unnoticed and is truly making a difference in our community.

Thank you for your hard work, dedication, and commitment to the Piedmont Chapter and to your community. We appreciate everything you do for the Red Cross.

*Amy Foreman*

Volunteer Coordinator  
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## Welcome New Volunteers!

We are delighted to welcome the following volunteers who joined our team in March:

Linda Abrams	Christina Gragg
Sam Abrams	Joshua Scalise
Rebecca Bodian	LaTina Wilkins
Mike Zimmerman	

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"Volunteers are the only human beings on the face of the earth who reflect this nation's compassion, unselfish caring, patience, and just plain love for one another."  
*Erma Bombeck*

## Training & Event Calendar

Training courses are free and open to all current volunteers

### In Spartanburg

- **May 7th** — *Volunteer Orientation*  
Encourage your friends, family, and co-workers to join the team!  
2:00pm
- **May 7th** — *Fulfilling Our Mission*  
Required training for all Disaster Volunteers. Great overview of Red Cross mission.  
3:00pm
- **May 11th** — *DAT/Client Casework*  
Learn how to respond to local disasters and provide clients with immediate needs. 6:00pm
- **May 20th** — *Health & Safety Committee Meeting* 11:30am
- **May 20th** — *Volunteer Orientation*  
Encourage your friends, family, and co-workers to join the team!  
5:45pm
- **May 20th** — *Fulfilling Our Mission*  
Required training for all Disaster Volunteers. Great overview of Red Cross mission. 6:45pm
- **May 21st** — *Weapons of Mass Destruction/Terrorism: An Overview*  
Learn about the complex response issues and concerns associated with a Weapons of Mass Destruction/Terrorism incident.  
6:00pm
- **May 26th** — *Board Meeting*  
12:00 Noon
- **May 28th** — *Shelter Operations*  
Learn how to open and work in a local shelter and prepare yourself for national disaster response.  
6:00pm

**PRE-REGISTER by calling the Spartanburg office: (864) 583-8000**

*Stop by the office anytime during business hours to complete Introduction to Disaster and/or Mass Care — no registration required!*

# May 2009

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<i>April 26</i>	<i>27</i>	<i>28</i>	<i>29</i>	<i>30</i> DAT/Client Casework	<i>1</i>	<i>2</i>
3	4	5 Cinco de Mayo	6	7 Volunteer Orientation & Fulfilling Our Mission	8	9 Disaster Assessment
10 Mother's Day	11 DAT/Client Casework	12 Shelter Operations	13	14	15	16
17	18	19 Disaster Assessment	20 Health & Safety Meeting Volunteer Orientation & Fulfilling Our Mission	21 Shelter Operations Weapons of Mass Destruction / Terrorism Overview	22	23
24	25 Memorial Day	26 Board Meeting	27	28 Shelter Operations	29	30
31	<i>June 1</i>	<i>2</i>	<i>3</i>	<i>4</i>	<i>5</i>	<i>6</i>

### In Cherokee

- **April 30th** — *DAT/Client Casework* Learn how to respond to local disasters and provide clients with immediate needs. 9:00am to 1:00pm OR 5:30pm to 9:30pm
- **May 9th** — *Disaster Assessment* Learn how to collect and communicate disaster assessment information. This course has a prerequisite. Call the office for details. 10:00am to 2:00pm
- **May 12th** — *Shelter Operations* Learn how to open and work in a local shelter and prepare yourself for national disaster response. 10:00am to 12:00 Noon OR 6:00pm to 8:00pm
- **May 19th** — *Disaster Assessment* Learn how to collect and communicate disaster assessment information. This course has a prerequisite. Call the office for details. 5:30pm to 9:30pm
- **May 21st** — *Shelter Operations* Learn how to open and work in a local shelter and prepare yourself for national disaster response. 10:00am to 12:00 Noon OR 6:00pm to 8:00pm

**PRE-REGISTER by calling the Cherokee office: (864) 489-6066**

# Volunteer Record “Spring Cleaning”

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## ATTENTION: All Piedmont Chapter Volunteers

With the Spring season bringing warm weather and longer days, many of you may be doing your annual spring cleaning. It’s time for the Red Cross to do some “Spring Cleaning” of our own as well. We need to update our records to make sure we have correct information about our most valuable asset — our volunteers.

An additional page has been added to the newsletter this month. The **VOLUNTEER RECORD UPDATE** asks you to share your current contact information as well as information about your service to the Red Cross.

### Completing this form will help us do the following:

- Mail you the volunteer newsletter each month;
- Keep you informed about upcoming trainings, meetings, and events;
- Help you grow and develop as a volunteer;
- Recognize your dedication and commitment to the Red Cross.

**Please complete the form and return to us by May 8, 2009.**

On the back of the form you’ll find instructions on how to mail it back. All you need is a stamp.

In addition to this update, you may receive additional volunteer forms by email or postal mail that you will need to fill out. These forms will help make sure that your volunteer file is accurate and complete.

Remember, all information is kept **confidential** and is not shared with any other parties. If you have questions or concerns about updating your volunteer record, please do not hesitate to contact me:

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## Special Offer from Red Cross Store

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In honor of National Volunteer Week, Preparedness and Health and Safety Services will be offering a **10% discount** all month long to our amazing volunteers on items purchased at [RedCrossStore.org](http://RedCrossStore.org).

The discount is open to all Red Cross volunteers, so be sure to visit [RedCrossStore.org](http://RedCrossStore.org) and receive your special savings. To redeem the discount, enter in the coupon code **VOLUNTEER** on the check out page.

[RedCrossStore.org](http://RedCrossStore.org) has several items to choose from, including Vintage Tees, ball caps, umbrellas, track jackets, towels, and more. Right now Vintage 2009 Calendars are just \$2.49 each! Be sure to check out the online store and take advantage of this special discount.



*Vintage Tee*



*Red Cross Golf Umbrella*



*Classic Ball Cap*