

**American Red Cross
Disaster Services Newsletter**

Piedmont Chapter
Spartanburg, SC

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International News- Monday, April 05, 2010 The American Red Cross' San Diego/Imperial Counties Chapter sprang into action, when an Easter Sunday 7.3 magnitude earthquake shook the U.S.-Mexico border south of San Diego. The quake was felt as far away as Phoenix and Las Vegas, but most U.S. damage appears to be limited to California's Imperial Valley. No injuries were reported in the U.S. Hardest hit was Calexico, CA, where, according to news reports, some masonry buildings cracked and gas and power lines came down.

National News- On 04/26/2010 Tornadoes went through Mississippi, Texas, Alabama, South Carolina, Tennessee, and Louisiana. Many tornados were on a very large scale and caused major damage. The Red Cross responded by opening shelters, surveying damage, and providing ERV relief.

Local News- This month we have responded to 10 residential fires, including the Arch Street Boarding House. We also had a great turn out for our Volunteer Recognition Dinner! Congrats to the following winners! **Deb Huffman**, Spartanburg County **Chasity Chandler**, Cherokee County **Michael Morrow**, Cherokee County **Ginny Braun**, Union County **Jim Cothran**, Spartanburg County **Mary Corker**, Cherokee County **Blair Barber**, Union County, **Pat Stephens**, Spartanburg Regional Hospital, **Dialysis Clinic, Inc.**, Community Partner **Spartanburg County Communications**, Community Partner **Sue Keith**, Rising Star Award. GREAT JOB TEAM!



Clara's Corner

In 1881 at age 60, Clara Barton persuaded the government to recognize the Red Cross to provide aid for natural disasters.

Miss Barton continued to do relief work in the field until she was well into her 70's.



The Piedmont Chapter participated with the entire



Upstate South Carolina Region in the "First Ever Full Scale Exercise" on April 17, 2010! The Regional Exercise simulated a flooding disaster spanning across the region. It was a great learning experience for everyone. Thank you to everyone for coming out and participating!

Events coming up to sign up for:

May 6, 2010-

Disaster Assessment meeting 6-7 PM

Piedmont Chapter Red Cross

For more information on the meeting please contact Adam Campbell at acampbe7@gmail.com

~Reminders~

DISASTER ACTION TEAM

Sign Up for on call this month! Contact Deb Huffman to let her know if you are interested in signing up for a week this month.