



Warming Center Open to Help Homeless in Lewiston



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Lewiston's Warming Center is available to keep homeless individuals safe in these local cold conditions. The center is located on the east side of the Salvation Army office parking lot at 1835 G Street. Operation hours are based on need for services when the temperature dips below 25 degrees. Warming Center volunteers ask that individuals or local programs helping those individuals needing services will call the Salvation Army office at 746-9653 during the day to register those individuals to use the center that evening.

The center is open to help individuals get out of the cold and obtain further resources for longer term success. Local programs have long recognized the need and have each been doing their best to serve these individuals in small ways, however, this program combines resources to be an effective approach to meeting needs of homeless men in the Lewis Clark Valley.

Background Information

Community partners working on this project include American Red Cross volunteers, Salvation Army,

Twin County United Way, the City of Lewiston, YWCA and McCall's Classic Construction who donated the use of their "commercial coach" which is a 30 ft. construction trailer that was once used as the office for Randy McCall's family owned and operated business.

The warming center is open when the temperature makes it necessary and is staffed by volunteers to allow people to come inside, get warmed up, get some coffee and snacks, and be able to learn about other resources such as shelter,

jobs, or essential programs for their situation. Volunteers will do their best to connect individuals to other resources for support such as local programs or overnight shelter when needed.



Donations can be made for the center to TCUW and 100% of donations will be directed to the warming center fund. For more information on the warming center, or to volunteer, contact TCUW Executive Director, Angie Titus at atitus@tcuw.org or call (208) 743-6594. To volunteer at the center, contact Ronna Waller at 208-305-6475 of American Red Cross volunteers.

Heroes' Breakfast - April 30, 2009

On April 30, the American Red Cross of Greater Idaho will host a special breakfast to honor REAL HEROES of the Treasure Valley at the Holiday Inn – Boise Airport. This breakfast will be a celebration of the spirit of humanitarianism, where ordinary people with extraordinary efforts are honored.

The American Red Cross of Greater Idaho is currently seeking nominations for this special event--conceived to recognize people in the community who have taken action in time of crisis to help others and consistently show an extraordinary gift for human compassion--the values and principles of the American Red Cross.

A nomination form is available on our website at www.redcrossidaho.org. A panel of community leaders will review all REAL HEROES nominations and select

heroes in up to eleven categories. Each nominee(s) must reside within the Treasure Valley; however, the heroic act may have occurred elsewhere. The heroic acts must have occurred with the past twenty-four months. Nominations will be accepted until April 13, 2009.

We also invite you to become a corporate sponsor of this powerful and uplifting event. Your sponsorship gift allows us to continue saving and enhancing lives through emergency disaster relief, first aid and CPR training, emergency military service, member communications, and even babysitting. By sponsoring the REAL HEROES breakfast, you and your company can touch the lives of people in real need right here in the Treasure Valley through the work of your local chapter of the American Red Cross.

Annual Meeting - May 8, 2009

The American Red Cross of Greater Idaho is pleased to announce that its Annual Meeting and Recognition Event will be held on Friday, May 8, 2009 from 5:30 p.m. – 9:00 p.m. at the Oxford Suites, located at 1426 S. Entertainment Way in Boise. This year's theme will be "Mission: Possible". It serves as an inspiring reminder of our humanitarian purpose and a powerful testament to the valuable volunteer service that is a source of compassion and comfort for those in need and is what truly makes our *Mission: Possible*.

Recognizing the contributions of our volunteers,

staff, supporters and donors is an important part of this event. Please nominate those individuals you feel helped make our *Mission: Possible* during the year. Nomination forms can be found on our website www.redcrossidaho.org

Nominations need to be submitted by April 17, 2009. If you have any questions, please call Betsy Hammar at 800-853-2570 ext. 806

RSVP's to the annual meeting are required and will be accepted until May 1, 2009

Help Us Name the Newsletter!

The Newsletter is in need of a cool name. Put on your thinking caps and submit your idea today! All submissions can be e-mail to newsletter@redcrossidaho.org.

The winning submission will receive a prize of a 72 Hour Emergency Kit. Something no one should be without. **Deadline for submissions is April 20, 2009.**

Training Schedules

Training schedules are on our website.
For more information on the Southwest Idaho's schedule, e-mail: trainingsw@redcrossidaho.org
Bonner and Boundary County, e-mail: trainingni@redcrossidaho.org
Eastern Idaho, e-mail: goulterl@redcrossidaho.org
Or call: 1-800-853-2570

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Idaho Ranks 2nd in the Nation for Number of Volunteer Hours

From the Corporation for National and Community Service

To deepen our understanding of volunteering in America and to promote its growth, the Corporation for National and Community Service has created a comprehensive interactive web tool -- VolunteeringInAmerica.gov -- that presents and analyzes the latest U.S. Census Bureau data available on volunteering in a clear and customizable way.

Here are some results for Idaho based on data from 2005-2007:

* Volunteer Rate Ranking: 14th within the 50 states and Washington D.C.

* Average Volunteer Rate: 34.0%

* Volunteer Hours Ranking: 2nd within the 50 states and Washington D.C.

* Average Volunteer Hours per Resident: 54.9 hours

Volunteer Opportunities

Your Time, Your Knowledge, and Your Experience!

Volunteer opportunities are available in all Red Cross offices throughout the state. We'll help you build and refine all the skills you need. If one of the opportunities listed below are something you would be interested in volunteering for, e-mail us at newsletter@redcrossidaho.org or call your local chapter office. You can also find more volunteer opportunities for the Idaho Red Cross at www.volunteermatch.org

Eastern Idaho Disaster Action Team (DAT) Members

Instruct someone in Eastern ID to save a life - become a Health & Safety Instructor in your community

Instruct someone in North ID to save a life - become a Health & Safety Instructor in your community

North. Idaho Disaster Action Team (DAT) Members

North Idaho Office Assistant Volunteer

North Central Idaho Disaster Action Team (DAT) Member

North Central Idaho Health and Safety Instructor

North Central Idaho Office Assistant Volunteer

Protect Red Cross legacy - volunteer as Historian

Southwest Idaho Community Education Volunteer

Southwest Idaho Disaster Action Team (DAT) Members

Southwest Idaho Health and Safety Instructor

Southwest Idaho Hour for the Red Presenter

Southwest Idaho Volunteer Recruiting Assistant

South Central Idaho Disaster Action Team (DAT)

South Central Idaho Office Assistant Volunteer

Volunteer Coordination Assistant

Disaster Recovery Team (DAT)

American Red Cross Corporate Goals state that Red Cross will be the leading provider of prompt relief to victims of single-family disasters and will increase the number of people and communities served by its response to single-family disasters. The chapter has the first-line responsibility to provide disaster services within its jurisdiction. In order to meet that responsibility, clear lines of authority and accountability must establish with regard to disaster response. On average, the American Red Cross, of Greater Idaho Chapter responds immediately to more than 200 disasters each year, including house or apartment fires (the majority of disaster responses), floods, tornadoes, hazardous materials spills, transportation accidents, explosions and other natural and human-made disasters.



Red Cross Disaster Action Teams (DAT) are organized to place trained Red Cross volunteers at the scene of a disaster to provide immediate, identifiable emergency services to disaster victims and emergency workers. In addition to initiating Red Cross relief actions, the team paves the way for mobilizing other chapter and national sector resources that may be required. The American Red Cross mandate pledges to the community that the American Red Cross will respond with disaster aid 24 hours a day. It is, therefore, each DAT member's responsibility to help us carry out this mandate.

There are five levels within the DAT at the Chapter: Observer, Responder, Leader, Captain, and Disaster Action Team Chairperson. Each level varies in training, responsibilities, and expertise, which are outlined in the job descriptions; however it is the responsibility of each DAT member at every level to ensure adequate coverage is available when a disaster strikes, and providing the most exceptional care to those affected by the disaster. When accepting an assignment or back-up responsibility, each member is expected to respond immediately to the call for emergency action.

For more information on how to become a DAT member, please call Mario Cefalu at (208) 936-4306 or e-mail trainingsw@redcrossidaho.org.

Disaster Recovery Team Training Schedule

All training will take place at the Boise Chapter Office, 146 S. Cole Rd., Boise, ID 83709

Fulfilling Our Mission/New Employee and Volunteer Orientation

Every second (2nd) Tuesday and every fourth (4th) Tuesday 6:00 pm.

Introduce disaster volunteers and members of other local agencies to the role of the Red Cross in the community's actions in preparing for responding to the recovering from emergencies and disasters. The course will enable individual volunteers to translate their care and compassion for their community into action and provide information to their community agencies on Red Cross work and possible partnership in preparation for and response to a disaster.

Apr 4, 2009

Logistic Overview

8:30 am - 12:00 pm

Assists Red Cross workers to prepare for and carry out the Logistics function in the event of a disaster in the local community and to initiate the Logistics function on a major disaster operation. The course is designed to help participants identify supply and logistics preparedness measures that

should take place at the local unit level, and to become familiar with Red Cross policies and procedures that apply on locally administered disaster operations.

Prerequisite: Intro. to Disaster Services (ARC 3066). Available as online training to registered volunteers.

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Logistic Simulation

1:00 pm - 5:00 pm

The purpose of this training is to provide participants an opportunity to practice the knowledge and skills needed to run a successful logistical operation in their local chapter.

Prerequisite: Logistic Overview

May 1 & 2, 2009

Disaster Instructor Specialty Training (DIST)

8:30 am - 5:00 pm

Disaster Instructor Specialty Training is an instructor-led course designed to prepare knowledgeable and experienced Disaster Services workers to teach basic level disaster training courses, thereby ensuring uniform and quality disaster training consistent with Red Cross policies and the regulations and procedures of Disaster Services