

RED CROSS READER



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New North Idaho Volunteers

Building a team – 12 new volunteers in about three weeks

With the help of Peggy Cedros, the new North Idaho Administrator, Jan Cefalu, the new Chapter Volunteer Manager, and Mario Cefalu, the Chapter Training Manager, a whole slew of new volunteers have been placed in various positions in North Idaho to bolster Red Cross service capabilities in that area. These new volunteers are filling positions as Health & Safety Instructors to teach CPR and First Aid; as Disaster Action Team (DAT) members to respond to local disasters; and as office personnel to assist operations.

Various age groups are represented. Many are retired but unwilling to be non-productive in their community. Some are at the front end of their adult lives. Almost all report that they want to give back to their community through volunteerism.

One volunteer shared that they just enjoy teaching others. Another was thrilled to apply experiences and skills he had gained while on assignment during Desert Shield. He joined as a DAT member because of the excitement in being able to serve others in a time of need and stress. One young lady wanted to constructively fill her time off from job and school. She had several months to wait between her acceptance to school and the start of the next semester. And two young cousins made a deal with each other to join Red Cross together.

What's your motivation? We'd love to hear your story. We come from many different backgrounds for many different reasons. Yet we are all here for a love of what the Red Cross means to others and our communities.



(L to R) Mario Cefalu, Kathy Mickel, Mary Ruth Dilling, Carrie Wilcoxon, Jim Erlanger, and Jan Cefalu

Air Force Appreciation Day and Parade

Mountain Home will be honoring the past and current veterans with their annual Air Force Appreciation Day and Parade. This year's Appreciation Day will be held on September 12th. The parade starts at 10:30 a.m. The Red Cross Emergency Response Vehicle plus some local DAT volunteers will be in the parade. So come out and show your support for the military and the Disaster Action Team.

Golf Tournament

The Sand Creek Golf Course in Idaho Falls is hosting a golf tournament on September 19th to benefit the Red Cross. It will be a 4 man team scramble with a blind draw format for 1st, 2nd, 3rd, and last place prizes. Cost is \$60.00 per player, If you are a season pass holder at the course, it will be \$40.00. Deadline to sign up is September 15th. Registration forms are available at the Apple Athletic Club Member Service Desk.

Case for Support

475 times a day, the Red Cross connects deployed service members with their families.

19,000 times a day, someone outside the U.S. receives urgent care from the Red Cross and our partners.



Free Workbook for Estate Planning

Sadly, 50-70% of Americans die without ever writing a will. The great tragedy is that their assets are given away according to a government formula which is usually different than their personal wishes.

The American Red Cross, Greater Idaho Chapter has a resource to help you prepare to get a will or living trust written or updated. It's called *Touching the Future, A Guide to Estate Planning and Charitable Gifting*. This free, comprehensive workbook provides ample space to help you organize your financial information and make key decisions to prepare to meet with an estate planning attorney. Consider it our thank you for your help as a Red Cross supporter.

Some of our volunteers, staff, and donors have made a bequest to the Greater Idaho Chapter, either within their will or through easy-to-change "beneficiary designations" outside their will. These designations are made on retirement plans, bank accounts and life insurance policies. Many people find that they can leave 10% to 20% of their assets to the Red Cross at death and still adequately provide for family members.

To receive your copy of "Touching the Future," please contact Jerry Nielsen at 855-4928 or email to nielsenj@usa.redcross.org. Jerry can also provide a list of estate planning attorneys who can help you. Thanks for helping support those served by the Red Cross.

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Training Schedules and Registration can be located on www.redcrossidaho.com

Please visit our web site www.redcrossidaho.org or call us at 1-800-853-2570 for more information on how to volunteer or donate.

Trivia Time

How many countries are part of the International Red Cross/Red Crescent Movement? **186**

Boise Hawks Game July 18, 2009

