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Another Successful Year for Jr. Red Cross

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The Silver Valley Junior Red Cross (SVJRC) started out the 2007-2008 school year with Habitat for Humanity service projects in the summer and fall of 2007. We lent a hand at Habitat's annual Pig Feed fund raiser in June,



then in September SVJRC youth volunteers from both Wallace Junior High School and Kellogg High School worked together with the crew boss and other volunteers to level a huge pile of gravel around the foundation and install siding on the exterior of a house being built in Osburn.

In early November we held our Annual CPR and First Aid Training. Ten youth from the SVJRC attended the training provided by Ray Jackson for the fifth year in a row. That event is bisected by a terrific pizza & soda lunch.

Over the winter we had two fund raisers. The first was a bake sale which raised \$200 to help send someone to summer camp. The second was for the Measles Initiative. We requested 200 pins and SVJRC

volunteers raised both awareness and \$200 to send back to the National Measles Initiative.

Last May (2007) we took 11 of our youth group to the 2007 National Youth Conference in Portland Oregon. There we learned about the Measles Initiative and met Seungjun Kim from the National Youth Council who served this year as a mentor. Seungjun inspired us and helped us to set some goals for the year.

In February 2008 we had a fantastic training held at the Coeur d'Alene Resort provided by Dave Fowler of Personal Safety Training, Inc. Dave did a fantastic job connecting with the youth and his Personal Safety Training was extremely well received.

We ended this school year's official activities on May 14, 2008 with the 7th Annual Reflection/Celebration at the Pizza Factory in Wallace with 22 youth representing Mullan, Wallace and Kellogg Schools sharing pizzas and sodas, electing next years officers and of course celebrating and reflecting the accomplishments this past year.

Our future plans include two more fundraisers for summer camp fees and transportation as well as Habitats fundraiser that we help out at in June.



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Health and Safety

When an EMERGENCY STRIKES... Will you be ready to save a life?



Get Prepared. Take American Red Cross Web-based training today.

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Red Cross training will teach you to:

- Perform first aid skills
- Care for conscious and unconscious choking victims
- Perform CPR on an adult, child and infant
- Use an automated external defibrillator (AED) on a victim of sudden cardiac arrest

The second part of your training will be led by a Red Cross-trained instructor at your local district office. During a 2-hour skills practice and assessment session with an instructor, you can practice and demonstrate the skills you've learned and earn certification.

For a demonstration of this new Web-based training, please visit www.redcross.org/websites/nhq.html.

To schedule training, 800-853-2570, option 3.

A CHECKING AN ILL OR INJURED PERSON
APPEARANCE OF LIFE OR CONSCIOUSNESS

START HERE

For Adults (Age 12 or older)

(TIP: Wear disposable gloves and personal protective equipment.)

1. CHECK scene, then CHECK person.
2. Tap shoulder and shout, "Are you okay?"
3. No response, CALL 9-1-1.
4. Open airway (tilt head, lift chin), CHECK for signs of life (movement and breathing) for no more than 10 seconds.
5. If no breathing, give 2 rescue breaths. (TIP: Irregular gurgling or shallow breathe are NOT effective.)
6. If breathing, place in recovery position and monitor Airway, Breathing and Circulation (ABCs).

WHAT TO DO NEXT

IF BREATHS DO NOT GO—Quickly scan for severe bleeding and go to FIBRIL, or FIBRILL, IF AED is immediately available.

B HOW TO GIVE RESCUE BREATHS—ADULT
NO MOVEMENT OR BREATHING

After checking an ill or injured person

To give a rescue breath—

1. Tilt head and lift chin, then pinch the nose shut.
2. Take a breath and make a complete seal over the person's mouth.
3. Blow in to make chest clearly rise.

(TIP: Each rescue breath should last about 1 second.)

WHAT TO DO NEXT

IF BREATHS DO GO—Go to FIBRIL, or FIBRILL, IF AED is immediately available.
IF BREATHS DO NOT GO—Go to FIBRIL, or FIBRILL.

RECOVERY POSITION

Recovery Position

Place the person in a recovery position if the person is unconscious, is breathing effectively and there is no suspected head, neck or back injury.

Modified R.A.I.N.E.S. Recovery Position

Place the person in a modified R.A.I.N.E.S. recovery position if a head, neck or back injury is suspected and you are unable to maintain an open airway or if you have to leave to get help or an AED.

Course participants receive full-color skill cards that encourage review and provide easy-to-follow instructions at a glance.

Disaster Services Human Resources

Featured Group: Partner Services

The Partner Services unit enhances the effectiveness of community disaster response efforts by bringing together a wide range of organizations to coordinate and support response activities. Working with national and local partners prior to and during disasters expands the reach of all organizations, ensures that multiple community needs are met, and that response and recover activities are well coordinated and efficient. Local partnerships provide greater insight into the needs of a community and help in developing service delivery plans, ensuring that more people are helped in more places.

Partner Services has two types of customers—internal and external. The internal customers are the other chapter departments such as Health and Safety, Service to Armed Forces or International Services. The external customers are those organizations outside of the chapter such as government, faith-based, other voluntary organizations, community or local businesses.

Partner Services can plan an important role in how the chapter departments interact with each other and how the chapter is perceived by the community. Building a Partner Services team can increase chapter capacity, mobilize a large segment of the

Partner Services (PS)	
Community Relations (LCR)	Government Liaison (LG)
Voluntary Agencies (LVA)	Emergency Support Function 6 (ESF6)
Labor (LL)	

community and boost the chapter’s visibility as a community leader.

Partner Services volunteers can also add value to the chapter’s daily activities that will help build relationships. These relationships will help the chapter in preparedness efforts, outreach programs, and responding to the needs of the community.

The Partner Services unit includes several activities that interact with the community and we encourage all Partner Services Volunteers to participate in all of them. They include:

- Voluntary Agency Liaison (LVA)
- Community Relations Liaison (LCR)
- Labor Liaison (LL)
- Government Liaison (LG)
- ESF6 Liaison (ESF6).

In general, a Partner Services liaison has:

- The ability to promote, develop and maintain productive and amicable working relationships with diverser individuals and groups, including peers and supervisors
- A sensitivity to and understanding of diverse population constituencies and their cultures (great opportunity for multi-lingual volunteers!)
- A sensitivity to human interactions in developing diversity and inclusiveness
- An interest in working with local organizations to create partnerships with the Red Cross

**Volunteers do not necessarily have the time;
They just have the Heart.
~ Elizabeth Andrew**



Volunteer Positions Open in all offices

Volunteer Fleet Coordinator

Job duties include:

- Track vehicle information for vehicles in your district/region
- Perform routine maintenance on vehicles in your district/region
- Perform annual inspections on vehicles in your district/region
- Ensure that district/regional drivers have a driving application in his/her HR file in Boise

Partner Services Volunteers

Job duties include:

- Attend VOAD and other community meetings
- Work with other staff to learn partnership needs
- Participate in monthly Partner Services Conference Calls
- Attend fairs—Preparedness, Health and Safety

INTERNATIONAL SERVICES

CHINA - MAY 2008

On Monday, May 12, a major earthquake, measuring 7.9 on the Richter scale, jolted southwestern China's Sichuan Province. Hundreds of aftershocks followed in the same area. The quake destroyed thousands buildings in the area, as well as infrastructure like communication networks and electrical towers.

Thousands of people died or are missing, and more than 270,000 were injured. The earthquake left an estimated five million people homeless. Many schools were destroyed, including one that had at least 900 students in it. This earthquake is the worst natural disaster to hit China in 30 years.

Red Cross and Red Crescent Response

The American Red Cross has provided an initial contribution of \$10 million to support the relief efforts of the Red Cross Society of China. These funds will be used to provide immediate relief including the purchase and distribution of relief supplies, coordination of logistics and transportation of disaster workers to the hardest hit areas.

More than 35,000 staff and volunteers with the Red Cross Society of China are on the ground distributing food, water, tents and other essential items. Red Cross volunteers are also attending the injured and offering emotional support during this trying time.

The Red Cross Society of China is a very strong organization with extensive experience responding to disasters. The American Red Cross has long history of working with the Red Cross Society of China, including after this year's severe winter storms.

We continue to be in close contact with the Red Cross Society of China and the International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies, and stand ready to provide additional support—disaster workers, relief supplies or financial assistance—as needed.

Serving Vulnerable Communities Around the World

The American Red Cross helps vulnerable people around the globe prevent, prepare for and respond to disasters, complex humanitarian emergencies and life-threatening health conditions.



The Red Cross and Red Crescent Movement is the world's largest humanitarian network, comprising 186 national societies and 97 million volunteers and members, and has an unparalleled global reach, community knowledge and presence. Together with partner Red Cross and Red Crescent societies, the American Red Cross has an important role to play in international disaster management and disease prevention.

Guided by seven fundamental principles: **humanity, impartiality, neutrality, independence, voluntary service, unity and universality**, The American Red Cross responds where the needs are the greatest, where the local Red Cross or Red Crescent national society requests assistance and where donor resources are available.

Through the priority areas below, our initiatives promote cost-effective, community-based programs while building the capacity of partner national societies. Our current activities span the globe, from Latin America to Asia and the Pacific, from Africa to Europe and Central Asia.

Disease Prevention—Our global health initiatives focus on preventing and combating infectious diseases, including measles, malaria, and HIV/AIDS, on a large scale. We strive to create sustainable and equitable programs, providing service to the most hard to reach populations.

Disaster Management—in the past decade, the American Red Cross has contributed over \$500 million to support disaster relief operations in more than 90 countries. Responding to the increased frequency of disasters and global climate change, we also support a range of preparedness activities to build community resilience to future disasters.

Restoring Family Links—In collaboration with the International Committee of the Red Cross, the American Red Cross works to locate loved ones missing as a result of war, natural disaster or civil unrest, and sends Red Cross messages between separated family members.

International Humanitarian Law—The American Red Cross educates the American public about the guiding principles of international humanitarian law, as set forth by the Geneva Conventions of 1949.

Monthly Statistics—Disaster Services

DISTRICT	APR 08 CASES	APR 08 CLIENTS	FYTD 08 CASES	FYTD 08 CLIENTS	APR 07 CASES	APR 07 CLIENTS	FYTD 07 CASES	FYTD 07 CLIENTS
NORTH	0	0	40	98	2	6	24	66
NC	0	0	11	32	4	18	31	75
HQ	4	11	99	256	7	19	111	396
SC	4	7	21	74	1	3	29	92
EAST	1	1	26	57	3	12	23	87
TOTAL	9	19	197	517	17	61	221	722

This chart shows the number of cases and clients for April 2008 and Fiscal Year To Date 2008 (July 1, 2007 through April 30, 2008), then it shows the number of cases and clients for April 2007 and Fiscal Year To Date 2007 (July 1, 2007 through April 30, 2007) for comparison.

Service to Armed Forces

Service to Armed Forces (SAF) is the oldest line of service in the American Red Cross. Its history can be traced to Clara Barton's actions in the Civil War as she helped wounded soldiers and their families stay connected. It is this legacy that our current Service to the Armed Forces is based. Clara Barton's humanitarian spirit is still practiced today within the Service to the Armed Forces Emergency Communications network; committed to keeping our armed forces and their families in touch around the clock, around the world.

From Clara Barton's days of writing letters to families about the health of their sons in war, to our transition using new technology to accomplish vital communication, SAF has evolved into an effi-

SERVICE	MAR 08	FYTD08	MAR 07	FYTD 07
Complaint	0	1	0	0
Emerg. Comm.	59	557	76	792
Financial Asst.	4	27	0	18
Info & Referral	1	5	0	5
MASRU	0	1	0	2
Other	0	2	1	5
Family Follow-up	0	2	0	0
SPOC	0	1	0	3
Verification	14	178	17	199
TOTAL	78	774	94	1024

cient, modern age emergency data communications network.

Today, the Service to the Armed Forces Emergency Communications Centers (SAFC) located in Washington D.C. and Ft. Sill, OK utilize the Clarify software application as their primary data management tool. This tool captures case work information to support worldwide emergency communications between service members, DOD civilians and their families.

SAFC, SAF stations, and select chapters interface with the clarify database through the clarify client web applications. These applications allow for real time data capture and nearly instantaneous sending or receiving of SAF emergency communication information.





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Be Prepared

Each month we will include two lists that will help you prepare for emergencies or disasters before they happen. Using the lists, you can **assemble an emergency supplies kit in small steps over 12 months**, checking off items you gather each month.

GROCERY Store

- I can ready-to-eat soup (not concentrated)*
- I Can Fruit*
- I can vegetables*
- Sewing Kit
- Disinfectant

Additional:

Extra baby supplies (bottles, formula, diapers)

Action Steps:

Place a pair of sturdy shoes, flashlight, whistle and work gloves in a plastic grocery bag and tie the bag to your bed frame

**per person*

FIRST AID SUPPLIES

- Scissors
- Tweezers
- Thermometer
- Liquid antibacterial hand soap
- Disposable handwipes
- Sewing needles
- Petroleum Jelly or other lubricating cream
- 2 tongue blades (Check your American Red Cross First Aid Kit before shopping to avoid duplication)

Additional:

Put extra eyeglasses in First Aid Kit

Chapter Spotlight

Chapter Brings on Three New Staff Members

With Noel Abbott's retirement, the chapter evaluated the best way to do business in each of our regional offices. The consistent observation was that we need a paid staff member in each office to ensure the day to day presence is maintained. The three new team members are part-time paid staff. Their main focus is going to be rebuilding the Red Cross' presence by rebuilding the Health and Safety programs in their respective districts. They will also be trained in disaster response to help with daytime disaster clients when volunteers are not available and they will attend volunteer meetings to help liaise between the volunteers and the headquarters office. With the diversity of their duties and the need to be out in the community, the hours they are in the office will be limited. We heartily welcome Danielle, Cheryl, and Jennifer to the American Red Cross of Greater Idaho!

Danielle Barton

works out of the Coeur d'Alene office Monday thru Thursday. Danielle does her own professional photography and is working a degree in Child Therapist. She has studied marketing and graphic design which will be a huge asset as we move forward with marketing our Health and Safety program. She has a passion for children's ministry. Since starting in early May, she has already scheduled 5 classes in the Coeur d'Alene area and got an article on AED awareness week in the Coeur d'Alene Press.

Cheryl Denbleyker

works out of the Lewiston office afternoons Monday thru Friday. She came to us with a background in American Red Cross Lifeguard Training which includes CPR and First Aid training for the Professional Rescuer. Her prior knowledge of our Health and Safety program will help her ramp up quickly. She has several ties to the community and is already hard at work rebuilding trusting relationships in North Central Idaho. As a new motorcycle rider she looks forward to participating in the 3rd Annual Idaho Ride for the Red.

Jennifer Egbert

Works out of the Twin Falls office starting June 2. Jennifer was a certified Lifeguard and also a Lifeguard instructor in Boise for 5 years. She moved back to Twin Falls four years ago and went to school with a focus on criminal justice. "I'm excited. I don't think people realize what Red Cross does, what services are offered." Said Jennifer.

