

VOLUNTEER BULLETIN

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Volunteer Opportunities

- Owego: Tuesday, March 16, 1:30-6:00, there will be a community expo at Tioga Opportunities with the theme “Every Person Counts.” If you would like to help staff the event table, please contact Veronica Grunder by emailing grunderv@usa.redcross.org or call 785-7207.
- All Areas: Volunteers are needed to help distribute brochures that advertise classes for the Health and Safety department. Brochures can be put up anywhere that you frequent—grocery stores, restaurants, doctor and dentist offices, daycare centers, pet grooming businesses, etc. Volunteers can also choose to spend a few hours in an agreed upon area on a biweekly/ monthly basis. If you

are interested in either of these opportunities, please contact Stephanie by emailing longst@usa.redcross.org or call 785-7207.

- Binghamton: Volunteers are needed to either march in the St. Patrick’s Parade or drive the ERV on March 6. If you would like to sign up, contact Sharon by emailing aswads@usa.redcross.org or call 785-7207.

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Win a Red Cross Gift Basket

Studies have overwhelmingly shown that the most effective method of recruitment is word of mouth. You can help the Red Cross start the year off right by referring someone you know to the Red Cross. Tell them about the fulfillment that volunteering brings you and suggest that volunteering would make for a great New Year’s resolution.

Now through March 31 (the date has been extended), volunteers who refer someone to the Red Cross will be entered to win a Red Cross gift basket, which includes a First Aid Safety Guide, an Under the Table Safety Tube, and more. In order to qualify,

make sure that the referral tells us that you referred them to us and they must be orientated by March 31. Volunteers will have their name entered once for each volunteer that they refer. The drawing will be held on April 5. Prospective volunteers can call their local Red Cross representative to set up an orientation or have them call 785-7207 and ask for Veronica.

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Office Help Needed

The Health and Safety department is looking for someone who can help in the Endicott office for four or more hours each week during regular business hours. If you are interested, contact Stephanie Long by emailing longst@usa.redcross.org or call 785-7207.

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DAT and DSHR Events

Flu Clinics: The following locations are in need of ERV drivers and volunteers to help hand out meals to flu clinic workers. To sign-up, contact either Sharon by emailing aswads@usa.redcross.org or call 785-7207.

- Monday Feb 8th at Saratoga Apartments 4-7 pm

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- Wednesday Feb 10th at Vestal High school 4-7 pm
- Thursday Feb 11 Whitney Point High School 3:30-6:30 pm
- Tuesday Feb 23rd Carlisle Apartments in Binghamton 4-7 pm

Winter Doldrums Gathering:

On February 25, 6-8:30, the Winter Doldrums Gathering will take place at the Red Cross office in Endicott. There will be a speaker from the Broome County Sheriff's Department discussing disaster scenes that are or become crime scenes. We ask that you bring a dish to pass. We will eat around 6:00 and the meeting will follow around 6:30.

DISNY Registration Now

Open: You can now register for courses at the Disaster Institute for the State of New York (DISNY), to take place Thursday, May 6 - Saturday, May 8 in Montour Falls, NY. The purpose of the institute is to give DAT members an opportunity to take classes that are not normally offered, such as Disaster Frontline Supervisor, Mass Care II, and Serving People with Disabilities Following a Disaster. It also gives volunteers an opportunity to meet DAT members from

across the state. Early bird registration is \$60 and ends February 19. Meals and lodging costs \$81. You must register by March 19. You can see more information and register for the institute by going to <http://www.disny-redcross.org/> or you can call Sharon at 785-7207.

Emergency Operation Center

Course: DSHR volunteers can take a 1½ day course focused on the operation of the State Emergency Operation Center that is being offered by SEMO and the Red Cross. The first day will be at the EOC and the second will be working with the Disaster Land, simulating an actual event and working in the EOC as a Red Cross Government Liaison. Lodging (one night stay) and meals will be covered. People attending must be willing to work in the EOC when there is a need. The event date is yet to be set, please just submit your name to Sharon if you are interested by emailing aswads@usa.redcross.org or call 785-7207.

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Dunkin' Donuts Volunteer of the Month

The Dunkin' Donuts Volunteer of the Month has been awarded to Sheila Ayres, who



began volunteering with the Red Cross in the 1970s as a vaccinator for Red Cross flu clinics. Since her retirement three years ago, she has been able to come back into the fold as a Southern Tier Red Cross volunteer. Along with volunteer work with many other organizations, she serves as a DAT leader, the Delhi blood drive coordinator, she is the vice chair of the upcoming Disaster Institute for the State of New York, and she helps with anything else that happens to come along. When asked if there were any memories that she wanted to highlight, she said simply, "Everyday is a memory. Having people thank you for being there and helping out is really what I enjoy the most."

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Funds for Haiti

Thank you to all of our wonderful Red Cross volunteers who contributed donations to the disaster in Haiti. As of February 1, the American Red Cross has

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raised \$203 million for the relief effort. Because of the community presence that the Haitian Red Cross already had in Port au Prince, Red Cross responders have been able to use your donations to distribute aid in an orderly and efficient manner. They have been distributing relief items such as hygiene kits, blankets, and water containers to more than 1,000 families (about 5,000 people) everyday. The American Red Cross is focusing on sending enough food to feed one million people for a month as well as providing enough clean drinking water for 100,000 people each day. Emergency health kits for 30,000 people have been distributed and the Red Cross is now able to treat up to 1,000 people at medical facilities each day. All of this is in addition to the emotional support that Red Cross volunteers provide during times of disaster. This disaster has taken more relief teams than any other single-country disaster and more than the 2004 tsunami, which spanned 14 countries. There is one international responder from our region who was deployed to Haiti. She is from the Corning area and you can read her blog at <http://feedproxy.google.com/~r/RedCrossChat/~3/>

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A few weeks may have passed since the earthquake struck, but the people of Haiti have several years of recovery ahead of them and it will take many more dollars to make the recovery a success. If you would like to help, donations to the American Red Cross International Response Fund can be sent to the Southern Tier Chapter of the American Red Cross, 620 E Main Street, Endicott, NY 13760.

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Wear Your Support



The Red Cross pins worn by presenters at the Grammy Awards are WWII replicas and can be bought for \$14.95 at the Red Cross online store. Orders are currently on backorder but should ship within 3-5 weeks. Visit the Red Cross Store - <http://www.redcrossstore.org/> to place your order. This picture doesn't do them justice, you'll want to click the link to see just how nice they are.

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