

Lallita Maharaj Director, Service to the Armed Forces and International Services

Lallita is the Director of Service to the Armed Forces and International Services. Prior to this role, she served as our Senior Regional Mobile Specialist for SAF/IS. Where she served 10 months alongside our troops in Romania, Poland, and Lithuania. At home Lallita supports our active-duty military, Veterans and their families through Casework, Resiliency Workshops, Community events, and Community outreach. On the international side of the house, through Restoring Family links casework and outreach, education through International Humanitarian and youth engagement through the Youth Action Campaign.

Lallita views herself as a born humanitarian. She graduated with a BA in Psychology. She spent the next ten years working as a Social Worker and Mobile Crisis Counselor in New Jersey. She then paused her professional career to practice her skill sets while raising her triplets. While at home her humanitarian work continued. She volunteered at the local food bank for 17 years and was active in the school system with the PTA and Parent Advisory Board at the College level.

Lallita had a desire to serve with the Red Cross when she saw the devastation that Hurricane Katrina caused. "My kids were little, and I made myself a promise that I will help out when my children no longer needed me". She waited till they were settled in college, and then signed up with the Red Cross. She started taking classes and quickly developed a love for everything Red Cross. She served as a DAT team member and DAT Supervisor, Shelter Manager, Feeding Supervisor, Casework Supervisor and Lead, Disaster Assessment Team member, Outdoor Sheltering Lead and Operation Manager.