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A Special Message from our Interim CEO

I'm so excited to be here in the Gold Country Region!

First, let me thank you for the work you do to meet the humanitarian needs of people in communities we serve through Red Cross.

During this time of transition, I do appreciate your continuing focus on our mission and your support of the volunteers who deliver the services.

I arrived on Tuesday, June 23rd and will continue the important work we have undertaken in this region.

A priority will be to continue building and fostering a team environment with staff and volunteers. We won't miss a beat with service delivery, ongoing operations or with any of the priorities or scheduled events.

Thanks again for your ongoing support and for focusing on delivering Red Cross services throughout the Region.

My Best—Teresa Caver

DAT Responses in the Gold Country Region

Thank you to everyone who responded to the dozens of calls we have received in May and June. It has been a busy couple of months in both the Sierra-Delta as well as the Northeastern Chapters.

DAT responders, we need your help! Although we have 364 DAT Responders registered on DCSOps not all of them are active in responding to incidents, please update your availability in DCSOps. It's very easy, takes no more than 2 minutes of your time.

Log in to dcsops.org using your Volunteer Connection information.

May / June DAT Responses

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So. Sacramento apartment fire in early June.
DAT Volunteer Virginia Escalante-Tambert assist one of the clients with hotel, food and clothing.

“Volunteering at the American Red Cross is an enlightening, worthwhile endeavor that balances our perspective on life.” —Anonymous
Red Cross is There!

We are prepared for a very hectic fire season. Just a couple of weeks ago we were given a little taste of what things could be like when two wildfires were burning simultaneously in Sutter and Stanislaus Counties. During the McHenry Fire in Stanislaus county our DAT Team responded by providing canteening support to the first responders. Debbie Calcote was the team lead and had this awesome testimony to share:

“When the fire was contained and the bridge was reopened, people honked and put a thumbs-up to Red Cross volunteers. Some stopped to say thank you.”

“The day before, when I was at the store getting water and ice, I was trying to load 25 cases of water as quickly as possible and get back out to the scene. Three women from separate cars reached into the cart and started helping.”

“I turned to say something when one lady said ‘it’s for those young men and women fighting that fire in this heat right?’ I said yes. When we finished, they reached out to shake my hand and simply said, ‘No, thank you Red Cross for helping them to keep us safe.’”

How amazing is that!!!

Being out in our community, no matter what the predicament is, reminds the community that we are here!

5 Simple Steps to Help Prevent Fires

1. Keep all sources of fuel (paper, clothing, bedding and carpets or rugs) at least three feet away from heat sources.

2. Provide constant adult supervision during cooking or in rooms with alit candles or fires.


4. Keep matches and lighters out of reach or children.

5. Teach young children to immediately notify an adult if they find matches or lighters.
The triple digit temperatures experienced during Operation Care Package didn’t prevent dozens of volunteers and hundreds of community members from showing incredible support to the second annual collection event in support of our military locally and abroad.

The event held at the Roseville Auto mall on Friday, June 12 was organized by Army Vet and now Red Crosser Tobrin Hewitt, who made sure the lines were straight and the boxes organized as soon as donors were dropping off loads of items outside the Toyota dealership.

The inaugural year was able to gather more than 4,000 care packages for our military members in Afghanistan and Kuwait. This year, we’re expecting to surpass that amount and send care packages for our service members deployed to the Far East in Japan and South Korea as well as to the Stork’s Nest program in the Naval Hospital located in Yokosuka, Japan.

“Opening a care package when you are deployed makes you feel like a million bucks,” said Tobrin Hewitt, Services to the Armed Forces Manager at the Red Cross Gold Country Region. “So, we’re sure to make a lot of our military members not only those deployed but our local veterans feel extra special.”

It was an exhilarating and exciting event, but it was also very hot and we’re grateful to our Red Cross volunteers as well as our partner volunteer groups like Blue Star Moms, Marine Families and Military Families of Yolo County who were sweating it out with us.

The support of our business community is making this event bigger and better each year and we’re grateful to all of our sponsors for their donations to make this event remarkable.

We’d like to give a shout-out to Roseville Automall, Sutter Health, UPS, Walmart, Safe Credit Union, Aerojet Rocketdyne, Hanson Bridgett Law Firm, with a very special thanks to KCRA/KQCA for their time and constant promotion of this event.

Operation Care Package reached a total viewership in our Designated Media Market (DMA) of 545,588 with a total Local Market Publicity Value of $44,468.75.

Hooray!
Volunteer Opportunities

Community Ambassador:
Join the ambassador team at community events. As our representative you will showcase the Red Cross by informing the public, donors, volunteers and clients about the Red Cross, our work in the community, and opportunities to get involved.

If you are a people person, then this is a great and fun opportunity!

Disaster Workforce: Candidate
If you are interested in any disaster opportunity, this is where you start!
The brief descriptions below give you an idea of the types of positions in Disaster Workforce.

Disaster Volunteer Management - Assist with volunteer recruitment, placement, record keeping and recognition.

Disaster Services - Provide food, shelter, and clothing for families affected by major disasters such as fire, hurricanes and tornadoes.

Disaster Action Team (DAT) - Volunteers need to respond to single-family fires with a disaster action team supervisor.

Pillowcase Project Presenter - Educate groups of students on how to be prepared before a disaster occurs.

Disaster Public Affairs - During disasters, tell the Red Cross story to your community.

Disaster Health Services - Credentialed health care providers provide mental and physical health support to victims of disaster.

Tracking Your Hours.

Why is tracking hours important?

Tracking the number of hours volunteers provide the American Red Cross is a useful metric, because it—
- Demonstrates the value of our volunteers’ time in service to our mission, allowing us to dedicate a higher percentage of our expenses to direct services and programs.
- Provides specific information for our volunteers to understand their contributions to their community through their Red Cross service.
- Shows our donors, community leaders and the general public the quantifiable power of our volunteers.

Mark Your Calendars!

September 5, 2015
Service to the Armed Forces Night at the River Cats

September 10 & 11, 2015
9/11 Memorial Golf Classic

October 1, 2015
Neighbor Helping Neighbor Open House

November 14, 2015
3rd Annual Salute to Service Gala
In August 2013 the Rim Fire set a record. The largest Sierra Nevada fire in California history brought community leaders together in an instant. Among those stepping forward to help was Black Oak Casino, owned and operated primarily by the Tuolumnne Band of Me-Wuk Indians.

The resort first opened their doors for business in 2001 to deliver a wide variety of entertainment for the entire family. The Rim Fire caused massive evacuations, including guests at Black Oak, who were advised to move to safer locations. With a hotel full of empty rooms, the tribal leaders immediately opened their doors to emergency crews who were working tirelessly to combat the flames, providing housing and feeding emergency crews.

“The Rim Fire was an enormous disaster that was literally on our doorsteps - we didn’t see the sun here for three weeks because of the smoke,” said Black Oak Casino’s General Manager Ron Patel. “Our hotel was fully occupied by firefighters and Red Cross personnel who were helping out. It was definitely an experience that our community had never seen before.”

Black Oak Casino has always been known for the warm welcome they extend to all who come to have fun. With their commitment to serving the community, Black Oak has added corporate responsibility to their values. Their partnership with the Red Cross is truly reflective of the impact they make.

In Memoriam—

June was a somber month for our family of volunteers in Modesto and the entire Region as we said our final goodbyes and recollected the impact one of our volunteers made in our communities.

Our passionately devoted volunteer Debbie Braser passed away peacefully in her sleep in June.

During her celebration of life, it was clear that she touched hundreds of people’s lives.

A church full of family and friends recalled her eagerness to serve, passion for volunteering at various organizations and her desire to keep smiling and make other people grin.

Debbie volunteered for the Red Cross in our Modesto office for more than five years. Since her first time she stepped inside the office, she began training, being proactive in projects, taking a leadership role and making things happen.

“Debbie was a hard worker and a treasured volunteer,” said Debbie Calcote, Disaster Program Manager for the Gold Country Region. “She never said no. She would take the time to do whatever assignment accurately, with a smile on her face and a great attitude.”

Mrs. Brasher was involved in Red Cross event coordination for both public events as well as events organized by the chapters.

She helped with documenting future shelter locations and was part of a Disaster Action Team. Debbie was deployed to Washington to assist providing food and water to clients affected by the fires a couple of years ago.

She will be truly missed.
Get the most out of Red Cross swim lessons with the Swim App. Created as a companion to the newly-updated Learn-to-Swim program (including Preschool Aquatics), this app will help you keep your swimmer motivated, while providing you the latest in water safety guidance to help ensure your family stays safe in, on and around the water.

The app allows users to track their child’s progress in Red Cross swim lessons. They also can play safety-themed quizzes together to test their knowledge. Other features include:

- Reward and share your swimmer’s achievements as they earn badges for mastering skills.
- Ensure your swimmer understands and retains the water safety tips they learn with the games and videos in the special section just for kids.
- Do fun activities with your swimmer.
- Learn how to keep your family safe in a variety of environments, such as home pools, rivers, lakes and oceans.

American Red Cross Swim App

The Nurse Assistant Training Coming to Sacramento!

Beginning in July, the American Red Cross Sierra-Delta Chapter will offer CNA testing 12 - 15 days per month, in addition to the program already available in our Yuba-City office.

The program equips students and helps give them a career pathway into the fast-growing nursing industry, while also helping communities alleviate a shortage of adequately trained Certified Nurse Assistants (CNAs).

During the course, Red Cross NAT instructors teach students the skills required to become CNAs and provide basic care such as feeding, dressing, bathing and monitoring patients so they can work in long-term care facilities like nursing homes and assisted living, hospitals and in-home health care.

The program also offers graduates placement support and a distinct emphasis on professionalism, punctuality and a commitment towards work.

While the local program is new to the Sacramento office, the Red Cross has provided nurse assistant training for more than two decades and has been a leader in the nursing profession for more than 100 years.

With its strong tradition of nursing, the Red Cross is a solid choice for people seeking nurse assistant training.

"MY CHILDREN GET TO SEE THEIR MOM HELPING PEOPLE THROUGH MY NURSE ASSISTANT JOB, AS WELL AS PROVIDING FOR THEM. AND THEY ARE EXCITED AND VERY PROUD OF WHAT I’VE ACCOMPLISHED.”

CHELLE INMAN, NAT GRADUATE AND SINGLE MOTHER OF THREE
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