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Spotlight on Volunteer David Kemp

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National Volunteer Week
April 15- 21, 2012

Many volunteers bring food, shelter, comfort and hope to local families faced with rebuilding after a disaster. Others provide services to members of the military, veterans and their families. Others teach first aid, CPR, swimming, babysitting, and other health and safety courses. And still others step up as blood drive volunteers who greet and register blood donors and serve refreshments following the donation

Our heartfelt thanks to all our dedicated volunteers!



Volunteer Directors

- Sandy Murdoch - Areas 3 & 4
- Pat Hayes - Areas 3 & 4
- Christine Urpin - Areas 2 & 5
- Theresa Addison - Areas 1 & 5
- Jason Campagnone – Area 6 (Rhode Island)

[CT area map](#)

Newly revised Volunteer Handbook
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Years ago, David Kemp's grandmother's life was saved by a transfusion of O Negative blood provided by the Red Cross. Kemp determined then that someday he would repay the Red Cross, and so following his retirement from a 32-year career at Xerox Corporation, he joined the Red Cross as a Disaster Services volunteer 10 years ago.

Since then, he has worked nationally as a Mass Care supervisor with experience in logistics, Emergency Response Vehicles and DSHR, and currently as Transportation Manager. Locally, Kemp has responded to more than 50 house fires near his Vernon, Connecticut home.

On March 2, 2012, an early season tornado outbreak devastated many communities in Kentucky and southern Indiana with more than 30 deaths and about 300 injured. Kemp responded on his 43rd deployment, located in Louisville, KY as Transportation Manager.

He was responsible for managing 226 vehicles (22 ERVs, eight trucks and nearly 200 cars) used to transport food, supplies and personnel consisting of about 100 local and 200 DSHR volunteers and staff.



David Kemp at Headquarters in Clarksville, Indiana

Kemp notes that numerous local people, often with their own extensive property damage, have volunteered to assist Red Cross teams. "Communities come together. Even those who have lost their homes and belongings are helping out." On a personal note, he says, "I saw the demolition of the remainder of Henryville (Indiana) High School. It was very difficult to watch. But local people have resolved to absorb the blows and move forward."



ERV deployment in Kentucky/Southern Indiana

Sandy Murdoch, Senior Director of Volunteer Services, notes that, "Since joining the Red Cross in November of 2001, Dave's dedication to the mission of the Red Cross has been exemplary. Be it a fire in Hartford, a flood in Kentucky, or a hurricane in Florida, Dave has repeatedly stepped up to lead volunteers in the delivery of vital Red Cross services to those in need. Dave's commitment and dedication are truly inspirational."

Following his return on March 25, Kemp commented, "Working for the Red Cross is a rewarding experience beyond my greatest expectations. Everyone should volunteer at least once and many will feel compelled to keep doing it."

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