

Bringing HOPE to Central Texas



American Red Cross Serving Central Texas

Annual Update July 1, 2023-June 30, 2024



## A message from the Executive Director

I wanted to take a moment to express our heartfelt gratitude for your steadfast commitment to the American Red Cross serving Central Texas. Your generous contributions of time and financial support significantly impact the lives of countless individuals in our region.

When emergencies strike, whether they are large-scale disasters or smaller crises, we stand ready to alleviate human suffering. Our dedicated team works tirelessly around the clock, 365 days a year, ensuring that help reaches those who need it most. From providing emergency financial assistance to offering comfort and hope, we are there for our community when it matters most.

In Central Texas we respond swiftly to disasters like home fires, floods, tornadoes, and mass casualty events where we provide immediate aid to affected residents. But our impact extends beyond our borders; when wildfires devastated Maui and flooding struck Houston, our volunteers, supplies, and support deployed to assist.

Additionally, our area has played a crucial role in addressing a critical blood shortage crisis. Thanks to donors like you rolling up their sleeves, accident victims, cancer patients, and others receive the lifesaving blood they desperately need.

As part of our commitment to military families, we offer unwavering assistance to members of the U.S. military, veterans, and their loved ones. Whether it's connecting families during times of crisis or supporting veterans through rehabilitation, we stand by those who serve our country.

As we close out our fiscal year, I invite you to explore our annual impact report. It highlights the incredible ways we've made a difference in the lives of our neighbors. Your support has been instrumental in achieving these milestones, and we hope it fills you with pride and fulfillment.

Once again, thank you for standing with us. Your partnership with the American Red Cross makes all the difference.

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Regional Chief Executive Officer



## **Central Texas Board Members**

Board Member	Board Position	Subcommittee	Affiliation
Avin Assomull	Member	Biomed Committee	Austin FC
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The American Red Cross Serving Central Texas is headquartered in Austin and serves nearly 2.6 million people in:

#### Bastrop, Burnet, Caldwell, Fayette, Hays, Lee, Milam, Travis, and Williamson Counties

### Impact of The Red Cross Serving Central Texas Fiscal Year 2024



#### Emergency Response

Helping during people's darkest hours



#### Service to the Armed Forces

Assisting service members, veterans, and their families

#### **Biomed Services**

Making sure blood is where it's needed, when it's needed

#### **Education & Training**

Providing skills and knowledge to prevent accidents and injury

#### Volunteers



Working at home, across the country, and around the world to bring comfort and care 308 Households served781 People helped\$219,680 Given in financial aid

946 SAF Cases2,099 Case Services971 Persons Briefed

176 Blood Drives4,256 Red Blood Cell Units Collected2,538 Donors (1,082 First-Time Donors)

14,167 Trained in 1st Aid, CPR, AED3,724 Trained in Water Safety

90% of all Red Crossers are Volunteers934 Volunteers34,936 Hours of service

#### **Red Cross Disaster Responses in the Heart of Texas**

- 270 Home Fires
  - **16** Wildfires
  - 7 Weather-Related Emergencies
  - **15** All Other Emergencies

# Red Cross Ready Communites a tale of resilience and renewal

In Texas, a new initiative is bringing hope to some of the most vulnerable communities. The American Red Cross has launched the Ready Communities Pilot Program, guided by a vision of collective resilience and a dedication to reducing human suffering.

In Central Texas, this pilot program is being implemented in the deaf community across the Central Texas chapter. The Red Cross aims to enhance accessibility, inclusivity, and preparedness for the deaf population during emergencies and disasters.

> "With your generous support, the Central Texas Chapter is committed to providing support and assistance to all members of our community, including the deaf and hard of hearing." Marty McKellips



Advertising students at UT Austin partner with Central Texas Red Cross to:

- Enhance accessibility, inclusivity, and preparedness for the DHH community during emergencies and disasters
- Create formal announcements, social media campaigns, and press releases
- Increase volunteer workforce to provide for DHH services and programs

#### **Central Texas Ready Community Plans**

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Collaborate with community partners such as Austin Deaf Club, Austin Community College, Texas School for the Deaf and more.



## **American Red Cross** Serving Central Texas

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