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The American Red Cross prevents and alleviates human suffering in the face of emergencies by mobilizing the power of volunteers and the generosity of donors.

Vision Statement

The American Red Cross, through its strong network of volunteers, donors and partners, is always there in times of need. We aspire to turn compassion into action so that...

- ... all people affected by disaster across the country and around the world receive care, shelter and hope;
- ... our communities are ready and prepared for disasters:
- ... everyone in our country has access to safe, lifesaving blood and blood products;
- ... all members of our armed services and their families find support and comfort whenever needed; and
- ... in an emergency, there are always trained individuals nearby, ready to use their Red Cross skills to save lives.



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HEROES

Today, we celebrate the heroes among us; the men and women in our community who have shown courage, dedication, and extraordinary character through acts of heroism and kindness. These heroes have saved a life, prevented a tragedy, or given of themselves, all for the greater good. Thank you for joining us in saluting these men and women who have shown us that HEROES do exist.

Heroes Breakfast

The tradition of recognizing community heroes at a breakfast began in 1994 in the American Red Cross Mount Rainer Chapter. The celebration has been adopted nationwide with most American Red Cross Chapters now hosting their own heroes events. The Augusta Area Chapter is proud to recognize ordinary people with extraordinary courage for the ninth annual American Red Cross of Augusta Heroes Breakfast.

To all of our attendees, contributors, and volunteers we say thank you. This celebration would not have been a success without your continued support. Proceeds from the Heroes Breakfast will benefit the American Red Cross of Augusta with much needed funding for the delivery of services provided to our communities.

Your local Chapter of the American Red Cross provides many services to the community on a daily basis including; single family disaster response, emergency disaster response, community disaster education, first aid and CPR classes, health and safety training, and emergency military communication.

For more information on the American Red Cross or to donate online, please visit www.redcross.org.



Our Chapter Volunteers & Staff Say "Thank You"

Our Heroes – Our Volunteers

Every day they go above and beyond to deliver the Mission of the American Red Cross in our community.

Disaster Action Team Volunteers

These volunteers are on call 365 days a year helping families who lost their homes as result of a natural disaster in the community.

Office Support Volunteers

These volunteers dedicate several hours a week helping families with preparedness, prevention and response.

Health and Safety Instructor Volunteers

These volunteers dedicate instructional hours helping others save a life through First Aid and CPR classes.

First Aid Station Volunteers

These volunteers provide basic first aid at local events such as the Georgia-Carolina Fair sponsored by Exchange Club of Augusta.

Military Volunteers

These volunteers are on-call during the evenings and weekends to take emergency military calls from families that need to bring a family member in the military home.

Join us and become a Red Cross Hero: www.redcross.org/Volunteer!







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Animal Rescue Hero

Brady Beckham



Front row: Brady and Christy Beckham Back row: Harper and Brewer Beckham

The 2020 Red Cross Animal Rescue Hero Award is presented to Brady Beckham for his quick response to alerting the Beckham family of a late-night fire that had broken out on their front porch. Brady alerted the family a few minutes before the smoke alarms went off, allowing them precious time to get to safety, alert the fire department, and ultimately save their lives and their home. Brady is an Irish Doodle (Irish Setter and Poodle mix) and was only seven months old when he became the family hero.

The Animal Rescue Hero Award is proudly sponsored by

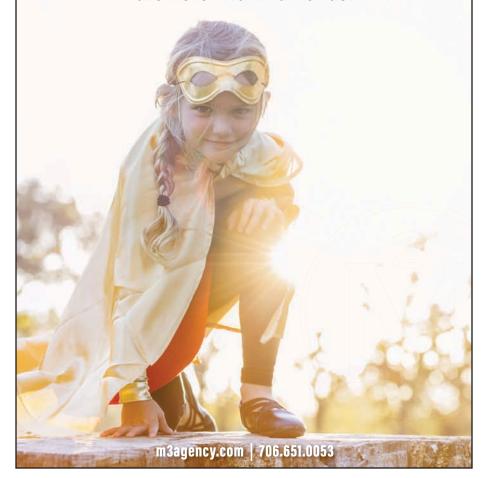




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COMMUNITY PARTNER HERO

Augusta University Health and Dr. Phillip Coule





The 2020 Red Cross Community Partner Hero Award is presented to Augusta University Health and Dr. Phllip Coule, Vice-President and Chief Medical Officer of the Augusta University Health System, for their steadfast work in combating the coronavirus pandemic. Their efforts to lead the way in educating the community, testing, research, and treatment of the virus has been nothing short of heroic.

Dr. Coule demonstrated leadership, showed compassion, displayed empathy, and exercised grace while working tirelessly to ensure not only AU Health, but our entire community and the State of Georgia, was as prepared as possible to battle this pandemic.

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EDUCATOR HERO

Kevin O'Donnell, Lisa Sanders, and John Raeth

Savannah River Nuclear Solutions Site Training





The 2020 Red Cross Educator Hero Award is presented to Kevin O'Donnell, Lisa Sanders, and John Raeth of the SRNS Site Training department for teaching others to help save lives. This trio of educators teach CPR/First aid/Bloodborne Pathogens/AED classes twice weekly for 45 weeks per year. All three are passionate about teaching and get great fulfillment from educating others how to be prepared in case of an emergency. Since 2013, they have been responsible for teaching SRNS employees to step in to help, and they know of at least 30 lives that have been saved because of their teaching.

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Proud to support the American Red Cross and salute the 2020 Educator Heroes.

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Our Mission

The American Red Cross prevents and alleviates human suffering in the face of emergencies by mobilizing the power of volunteers and the generosity of donors.

Making an Impact, Every Day

The American Red Cross assists more than 30,000 people daily.



Nearly 170 times a day—or every 8 minutes—Red Cross workers help a family affected by a home fire or other disaster.



The Red Cross must collect more than **13,000 blood donations** every day to meet the constant need for lifesaving blood.



Every day, nearly **1,300 services** are provided to members of the military, veterans and their families, helping them prepare for, cope with and respond to the unique challenges of military life.



On average, more than **621,000 children** a day receive a measles or rubella vaccination from the Red Cross and our partners.



More than **13,000 people** each day receive lifesaving Red Cross health and safety training and information, making our communities safer.

The Red Cross is proud that an average of **90 cents of every dollar** we spend is invested in delivering care and comfort to those in need.

Our lifesaving work is powered by a workforce of more than 90% volunteers and generous public donations. The breadth of our work is vast, but the human impact is even greater. These are just a few examples of how our mission makes a lifesaving difference to those in need.



Providing Disaster Relief and Comfort

"I was surprised when I found out there was medical staff at the shelter that could help me."

Elva Valdespino, who received medical assistance, comfort and more at a Red Cross shelter after taking refuge from wildfires in her community.



Delivering Lifesaving Blood

"I can't tell you how thankful we are for the lifesaving donations that saved our son."

Mylinda Cornford, whose son Heath was born with an abnormal narrowing of his heart's blood vessels that required many complex surgeries, a significant amount of blood products and a heart transplant—all within the first 217 days of his life.



Giving Hope Worldwide

"I've lived here 20 years, and all I can say is the Red Cross is the most organized, efficient agency I know. You're always here, always helping, always trying. We're just thankful for you being here."

Marilyn, a resident of the Bahamas, giving thanks for Red Cross support after Hurricane Dorian devastated her community.



Serving Those Who Serve our Nation

"Knowing that in an emergency I could reach him through the Red Cross—regardless of where he was—gave me immense comfort. More importantly, he had the confidence that the Red Cross would find him, allowing him to focus on his mission and come home to us safely."

Katie Hinman, whose husband, with the help of the Red Cross, was able to take emergency leave from Afghanistan to be with his dying mother.



Training Caregivers and Lifesavers

"At the beginning, she didn't want to put her face in the water, but after several lessons, she started doing it. Our highlight was that she finally started kicking; we knew she was actually learning!"

Chantel Corley, mother of 1-year-old Chanel, who participated in a Red Cross Parent and Child Aquatics class.



GOOD SAMARITAN HERO

Thomson High School Football Coaching Staff





The 2020 Red Cross Good Samaritan Hero Award is presented to the Thomson High School Football Coaching Staff for their quick action in using their CPR and AED training to save the life of a player.

The player suffered from a condition where an artery formed between his aorta and his heart. When his heartbeat accelerated from exertion, the artery was pinched, and blood flow was interrupted. An arrhythmia occurred, and he collapsed at football practice and suffered from cardiac arrest. The player was revived using CPR and an AED (Automated External Defibrillator) that shocked his heart back into normal rhythm.

The Good Samaritan Hero Award is proudly sponsored by



Help. Save. Live.



Congratulations to this year's heroes. You make our community a better place. We're proud to work with you to help our friends and neighbors live their healthy.

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GOOD SAMARITAN YOUTH HERO

Christopher Shay



The 2020 Red Cross Good Samaritan Youth Hero Award is presented to Chris Shay for his quick action and presence of mind that saved the life of his sister.

When then twelve-year-old Chris Shay arrived home from school on December 18th to find the house ablaze, he knew his sister was inside. He ran into the house and found Kelly not breathing and the house being engulfed in smoke and flames. He quickly decided he could not get Kelly out safely as he had a broken arm. Running out of the house, Chris grabbed the family dog and called 911, setting in motion the Columbia County Emergency teams to respond and rescue his sister Kelly from the fire.

The Good Samaritan Youth Hero Award is proudly sponsored by





John Deere is a proud supporter of the American Red Cross.

Every eight minutes, the Red Cross responds to a disaster. Most are home fires.



Here's one way we help:





At 2:00 a.m., the Jordan family is standing on the curb without shoes, watching their rental home burn.

As soon as the fire department is notified, they reach out to the Red Cross, letting us know the family needs us.







Luz, our volunteer specialist, immediately contacts the Jordans via video to minimize the risk of COVID-19 exposure and explains she's ready to help.

After securing the family a free hotel room, Luz leaves a financial assistance card at the front desk to cover immediate expenses like clothes and toiletries.



Over the next few weeks, Luz advises on renters' insurance and prorated rent, plus she helps the Jordans secure replacement Social Security cards.



Once they've recovered, the Jordans decide to pay it forward by installing smoke alarms as Red Cross volunteers when it's safe to do so.

To learn how you can help home fire survivors and protect families from fires, contact your Red Cross representative.

Medical Hero

Dr. Tarak Patel



The 2020 Red Cross Medical Hero Award is presented to Dr. Tarak Patel, an Infectious Disease Specialist serving several hospitals in Augusta, for his work on the coronavirus and his extensive educational outreach to the community during this uncertain time.

Dr. Tarak Patel was a constant source of valuable and credible information to the local news media, school systems, and community organizations who were all searching for accurate information on the coronavirus. While still maintaining his busy practice, Dr. Patel answered the call of many groups seeking his counsel in order to make informed decision affecting many in the community.

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MILITARY HERO

Specialist Joshua Bolden



The 2020 Red Cross Military Hero Award is presented to Specialist Joshua Bolden for his bravery in rescuing a mother and her two children from their overturned car following their vehicle accident.

Bolden, who is part of the 67th Expeditionary Signal Battalion at Fort Gordon, was on his way to pick up his son when a car ran a red light, causing a three-vehicle accident in front of him. One of the vehicles flipped on its side pinning a mother and her two young children inside. Bolden, 19, quickly jumped into action to help rescue all three from the overturned car.

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Thank you to those who go above and beyond for our community.





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Service to the Armed Forces

The American Red Cross serves our nation's military personnel and their families, including active duty, National Guard and Reserve, as well as our veterans. We provide 24/7 global emergency communication services and support military and veteran health care facilities across the country and overseas. We help families cope with deployments and support returning combat veterans as they reintegrate into the community. Our team of 453 employees and thousands of volunteers helps deliver services at Red Cross offices in communities across the country and on more than a hundred military installations around the world—including Diibouti, Iraq, Kuwait and Poland. To learn more, visit redcross.org.



More than **1 million** military families served since 9/11.



How We Helped in FY 2019



Over 354,000 emergency communication services provided to more than 98,000 service members and their families



Trained more than **30,000** family members in improving coping skills and resiliency



Distributed more than **653,000** care, comfort and therapy items at military hospitals and medical facilities



Reached over **762,000** individuals through "Get to Know Us Before You Need Us" briefings



Provided over 172,000 critical community services to more than 143,000 military members and their families



Trained over **250** dental and medical assistants on military installations



Served nearly **110,000** individuals through rehabilitation and morale programs



More than **14,900** volunteers gave nearly **1.4 million** hours, worth more than **\$33.6 million** in service to the military and veteran community

Outdoor Rescue Hero

Lt. Brandon Reeves



The 2020 Red Cross Outdoor Rescue Hero Award is presented to Lt. Brandon Reeves for going above and beyond to search for, and ultimately save, an elderly man who had wandered from his home.

On Feb. 28, Burke County deputies responded to a call about a missing person with dementia and vision problems. Lt. Brandon Reeves directed personnel for an initial search of the Old Louisville Road vicinity and then used his all-wheel drive vehicle to participate in the search by taking the dirt portion of Old Louisville Road. Lt. Reeves found the man up to his waist in water and mud, extremely wet and cold and in need of medical attention, about 4 miles from his home. Had it not been for Lt. Reeves' actions, this situation could have resulted in a tragic ending.

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Thank you!

"IT ISN'T HISTORY
THAT MAKES HEROES,
IT IS HEROES
THAT MAKE HISTORY."

-Taylor Swift





We Thank You!





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In another year of devastating hurricanes, deadly and record-breaking wildfires, widespread floods, tragic shootings and other crises in our country, your support helped fuel thousands of disaster workers—over 90% of them volunteers.



More than 248,200 overnight stays provided with partners



More than 1 million vital relief items distributed



More than 4.8 million nourishing meals and snacks

served with partners, often brought by one of our emergency response vehicles directly to disasteraffected neighborhoods



More than 186,700 health and mental health contacts



More than 97,300 households provided with recovery assistance

Our Home Fire Campaign helps keep families safe from the nation's most common disaster.



Over 458,000 new smoke alarms installed



Over 14,000 batteries replaced in existing smoke alarms



Over 166,000 escape plans made



Over 188,000 homes made safer

Thank you!

Your support makes our work possible. Thank you for giving hope.

Spirit of the Red Cross

Trinity on the Hill United Methodist Church



The 2020 Spirit of the Red Cross Award is presented to Trinity on the Hill United Methodist Church. This award recognizes a person or organization whose actions embody the spirit of the Red Cross to help alleviate human suffering in the face of emergencies. For the past five years, Trinity on the Hill has provided shelter, comfort, healing, and hope, to our neighbors in the Savannah area evacuating from the threat of hurricanes. Trinity on the Hill cares for the evacuees as if they were their own family, and indeed, many have become so over the years.

The Red Cross is pleased to recognize the Trinity on the Hill family for being an invaluable partner in helping care for others in their time of need.

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Augusta University Health is the state's public academic health center, and we are on the front lines fighting COVID-19 each and every day. Whether it is our researchers discovering new ways to test for the disease, our providers testing to minimize the spread, or our teams offering virtual visits to patients across the state, we are here for you. We can do this together.

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Learn more at augustahealth.org/covid19.

Water Rescue Hero

Captain TJ Brown Firefighter Franklin Stanley, Firefighter Cal Cannon SRNS Fire Department





The 2020 Red Cross Water Rescue Award is presented to Captain TJ Brown, Firefighter Franklin Stanley, and Firefighter Cal Cannon of the SRNS Fire Department for their heroic actions in a late-night remote area rescue of two adults and a toddler involved in a boating accident.

Just after midnight, Savannah River Site Fire Department was dispatched to a boating accident on the Savannah River with three patients being injured. Initial reports were that a boat struck a tree approximately 10 miles south of Jackson boat landing with one patient with severe head trauma and two other patients ejected from the boat, one being a toddler. Captain Tony Brown, Franklin Stanley and Cal Cannon responded with SRNS Boat 1 and after a difficult and dangerous search, were able to locate the boat and ultimately get all three people to safety and medical care.

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Congratulations to our SRNS winners!

2020 Red Cross Water Rescue Heroes

Captain TJ Brown

Firefighters Franklin Stanley and Cal Cannon of the Savannah River Site Fire Department

2020 Red Cross Educator Heroes

John Raeth, Kevin O'Donnell and Lisa Sanders of SRNS Training



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Luna's mom, in gratitude to blood donors





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units collected daily

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patients reached

annually

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The Red Cross provides about 40% of U.S. blood.

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