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Jonathon was blue, unconscious and wasn’t breathing, and Josh immediately began administering CPR, continuing until the boy could breathe on his own. Soon after, an ambulance took Jonathon to the hospital, and he was released later that day.

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37 Disaster responses in February. Clients helped: 122

When 3 million gallons of water flood Lewiston, Red Cross partners with city to lend helping hand

When a city reservoir burst in Lewiston, Idaho, in January sending 3 million gallons of water rushing into surrounding neighborhoods, Red Cross volunteers were ready to help. The early morning emergency caused mudslides and road closures and compromised the drinking water supply for about 24,000 residents.

The city arranged for a water truck with spigots on the back and asked Red Cross to help with distribution.

“People drove up, we helped them fill jugs,” said Max Nuxoll, a Lewiston resident who has volunteered with Red Cross since 2021.

Red Cross volunteers also handed out bottled water and ensured that everyone had access to clean drinking water.

“A person really stepped up to help,” he said.

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Josh has earned his CPR certification twice and remained cool and calm under pressure. “It’s hard to go out to some of these calls and see this stuff, but I’m glad I’m able to help,” he said.

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We’re hiring, plus volunteer wins

Learn about our Volunteer Recruitment Fair to save the date for the Disaster Training Academy and celebrate an amazing Service to the Armed Forces volunteer below.

**NATIONAL VOLUNTEER RECRUITMENT FAIR:** The Ameri- can Red Cross will host a national Volunteer Recruitment Fair on March 28 anytime from 1:2-3:30 (MST). Please help spread the word with your friends and family. Register at https://app.brazenconnect.com/events/vxor.

**DISASTER TRAINING ACADEMY:** Save the date for the Disaster Training Academy, scheduled in West Yellowstone for April 28-29. Watch your inbox for the opportunity to register, course schedules and upcoming information so ask your supervisor for eligibility requirements. Send questions to IDMTinstitute@redcross.org.

**WE’RE HIRING:** The American Red Cross of Idaho, Montana and East Oregon is seeking a caring leader to join our disaster services team. Support volunteers and collaborate with community partners to build community resiliency and respond to disas- ters. This position will be located in one of the following counties: Idaho: Nez Perce, Lewis, Clearwater, Valley, Adams, Washington or Payette; Oregon: Walla Walla, Union, Baker, Malheur.

To learn more or apply, visit https://app.brazenconnect.com/events/vxor.

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**Volunteer Recruitment Fair:**

**MONIQUE CHADwick of Kuna**

**Volunteer of the Quar- ter:** Congratulations to Monique Chadwick of Kuna, Idaho, who was selected as the Pacific Division’s Ser- vice to the Armed Forces Volunteer of the Quarter.

Monique and her dog Solo are part of the animal visitation program in Idaho, and she recently took over as the lead animal visitation volunteer. In this role, she schedules two teams of five dogs with their handlers to visit the Boise VA two to three times a week. The team, including Monique and Solo, also supported two Halloween and one Christmas event with the Idaho National Guard.

With more than 100 animal visitation program volunteers on our roster, she not only maintains the schedule, but ensures all have the proper veterinarian paperwork and signed Red Cross volunt- eer agreements in their volunteer connection. It’s a Meritorious level, and she does it with a smile!

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**Awards:** Lifeguard uses CPR to save boy

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pressure.

“I’ve never been through a situation like that,” he told his hometown newspaper. “It was just really glad I was there.”

Montana Red Cross and its board presented Josh with a Lifesaving Award for Professional Responders, one of the highest awards given by the American Red Cross to someone who saves a life by using skills and knowledge learned in a Red Cross Training Services course.

The American Red Cross has a long history of presenting these lifesaving awards, dating back to 1911. Since the program was reintroduced in 2018, the American Red Cross has handed out more than 2,100 of these awards across the country, including three in Montana. Together these winners have saved more than 1,000 lives.

Besides Josh and his family, Wolf Point Mayor Chris Dschaak, Jonathan and his family, nominator Dan Horsmon, Red Cross staffers and board members and others also attended the virtual presentation.

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tied water.

Max said residents were grateful for the help, and one man even returned with cookies and caramels his wife had made as a thank-you.

“He said, ‘We appreciate what you’re doing’ and off he went,” Max said.

Besides helping distribute water, Max also went to two homes that were dam- aged during the flooding to meet with those families. One household had a couple of generations living together, including a brother, sister and her chil- dren staying in a basement.

“They were still vacuuming the mud out four days later,” he said. “And there was just a pile of mud in that out there. It was heartbreaking to see the situation, but we were able to offer some assistance.”

Also helping in Lewiston were Jim and Julia Knaus, Mutyi Kalousek and relatively new Red Cross volunteer Honni Home, who lives just across the river in Clarkston, Wash. This was her first disaster response. She heard some tough stories from people whose homes were damaged but was amazed at the resiliency she saw as well.

One young man who stopped in for water told Honni about all the hardships his family was going through but kept a smile on his face, she said. When he was ready to head out, he returned with two gallons of water on this shoulder, Honni offered to find him a ride, but he insisted he could handle it.

“Once he left it really affected me that he would go so strong and at least we could help him with the water,” she said. “It just made me think there are a lot of people out here who need help.”

One benefit of volunteering is a natural way to give back to a community that has given her much in return, Honni said.

“I have lived here my whole adult life,” she said. “Community is so impor- tant, and Red Cross helps communi- ties, and I really do appreciate that and I want to be a part of that.”

Volunteering and service has always been in Max’s blood as well. Besides his work with the Red Cross, he also volunteers with AARP and serves as the community director with the Knights of Columbus church group.

“Number 1, I’m retired and I want to stay busy,” he said. “And number 2, I’m retired Army with 26 years, and my whole life has been about service. It’s a gift that was given to me.”

Max has already responded to at least 25 disasters since joining the Red Cross two years ago, most of them home fires. And while the work is often difficult, it’s also rewarding.

“I wouldn’t do it if I didn’t enjoy it,” he said. “It’s hard to go out to some of these calls and see this stuff, but I’m glad I’m able to help and give these people some hope.”

**Volunteer with Red Cross**

The American Red Cross offers volunteer opportunities for almost any interest and skillset. Training is provided and the payroll is priceless. Learn more by emailing IDMT.Recruiting@redcross.org or visiting redcross.org/volunteer.