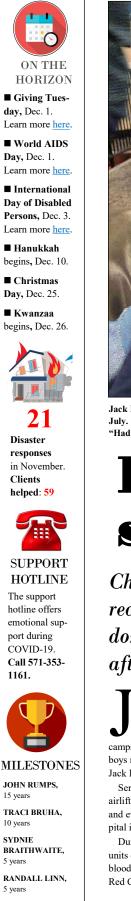
November-December 2020



Keeping our Red Cross volunteer workforce engaged and informed





Jack Moser, now 6, is on the mend after being seriously injured during a family camping trip in July. He received at least 21 units of blood, blood available because of the generosity of donors. "Had we not had that there's no way Jack would be here," his mother Amber Peterson said.

Blood donors save boy's life

Chubbuck 6-year-old receives close to two dozen units of blood after serious accident

ack Moser was enjoying a camping trip with his family last July when disaster struck. As Jack and his older brother were riding their bikes around the campsite, a truck pulling a trailer passed. The boys moved off to the side of the road, but Jack lost his balance, falling under the trailer.

Seriously injured, the Chubbuck boy was airlifted to the medical center in Idaho Falls and eventually on to Primary Children's Hospital in Salt Lake City.

During that journey alone he received 11 units of blood and another 10 units since – blood available because of the generosity of Red Cross blood donors.



"Had we not had that there's no way Jack would be here," his mother Amber Peterson said. "I have a 6-year-old little boy who's sitting here and happy and talking to his broth-

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Many of you have spoken directly with Lynn Tyler on the phone or have read her name on an email or note. A part of our Red Cross team since 2011, Lynn has been involved in disaster response, national intake and Service to the Armed Forces work. She is currently a member of our Volunteer Services team, helping with recognition, appreciation, intake, support, screening and everything in between.

Lynn has put in more than 6,000 hours as a Red Cross volunteer, including 400 hours this year alone. As our regional intake lead, Lynn has interviewed and processed more than 400 volunteers just this year.

And now she's the Volunteer Services team's Volunteer of the Year.

Originally from California, Lynn is a mother of three and has 13 grandchildren and 16 great-grandchildren. She was a banker for 13 years at Security Pacific National Bank, spent nine years with Idaho Housing and Finance, then finished her career after 11 years at Washington Mutual Bank. In retirement, she dedicated herself



Help inventory client assistance cards

It's time for the second-quarter inventory of client assistance and mission cards. This is a particularly important quarter as we must roll up and reconcile our regional card data with national headquarters in a short period of time. We'd love to demonstrate success for our region!

We will compile a snapshot of all cards in the field on one day — Nov. 30. Disaster Cycle Services volunteers should watch for an email or text message on Dec. 1 from Regional Disaster



Officer Ted Koenig. It will provide a link to a short online form to record your name and the current count of cards in your possession. You will need information found on the outside of the envelopes in which these cards were provided. The form will be open only Dec. 1-10. All DCS workers with client assistance cards or mission cards must complete the form, regardless of position.

IMPORTANT NOTE: If you will not have access to your cards between Dec. 1-10, please contact Angela James at angela.james@redcross.org prior to Dec.1 for assistance.

Cards that are not reported will be electronically destroyed shortly after the form closes on Dec. 10 so our records will remain accurate.

Veterans Day at the Idaho Capitol



ABOVE: Major General Michael J. Garshak speaks during a Red Cross Veterans Day event outside the Idaho Capitol. Gov. Brad Little, Sen. Jim Risch and Boise Mayor Lauren McLean joined the Red Cross to honor veterans and service members. BELOW: Red Cross board co-chair Roy Eiguren tells how the Red Cross helped save his father's life during World War II.



Tyler: Helping others just feels good

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to helping in her community and giving back.

She was invited to her first Red Cross meeting by one of our other volunteers, and when she made the decision to join our team, her husband jumped for joy.

"She was driving me nuts," he replied jokingly.

Lynn said she loves the Red Cross and the sense of community it creates.

"Everyone is happy and works together," she said. "They want to be here, and they have a want to help people."

Her son has watched her enjoy volunteering so much that he joined the Red Cross as a volunteer, then was hired as a disaster program manager in Southern California.

Lynn says the experience of helping others just feels good, and she loved going out to job fairs and volunteer fairs.

One of her favorite experiences was a time that they were practicing drills and preparing in case of a tsunami in Oregon and Washington. She was one of the three people intaking practice victims and helped process 200 people in less than two hours.

Lynn speaks to a volunteer like she's talking to a close friend or family member and is great at helping the volunteers get to know the positions. And she continues to get them excited about the Red Cross using her storytelling skills.

The Volunteer Services team loves Lynn and is excited to recognize her as the Volunteer Services Volunteer of the Year.

Congrats Lynn! We couldn't do it without you!

Boy: Jack is back home in Chubbuck

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er because of that. It might just seem like a unit of blood, but to someone who really needs it, it's your life."

After undergoing countless surgeries and other procedures, Jack is on the mend. He's now back home in Chubbuck, reunited with his best friend, his big brother Max.

"Jack's a resilient little guy," Amber said. "He gives a lot of gifts to other kids in the hospital and that makes him feel really good. He's just a good sweet kid."

To find a Red Cross blood drive near you and help others like Jack, visit RedCrossBlood.org or call 800-RED-CROSS. A donation takes about an hour from start to finish and can help save up to three lives.