# Paying It Forward

"Someone saved my baby's life, and I will never forget that. I can help do that for someone else." —Courtney D.

Red Cross collects blood every day from donors who ensure a safe supply of blood when it's needed. A pint of blood can benefit up to three people.

# Join Us

It's easy to get involved. You can make all the difference. Here's how:

#### Ask.

If you need emergency help, or would like to know how to help, please contact your local chapter.

#### Volunteer.

You have multiple opportunities to volunteer and add value to your community— join a Disaster Action Team, help organize an event, instruct a course.

#### Prepare.

Take an American Red Cross class to learn lifesaving skills.

#### Partner.

Companies and organizations are an integral part of everything we do to provide, support and prepare.

#### Give.

With your financial donations, you can transform lives, including your own.

#### Donate blood.

You can give every two months or so. The more blood you donate, the more lives you can save.

#### **Contact Information**

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To become an American Red Cross volunteer, apply online or call your local recruiter to sign up.

www.redcross.org/volunteer







### You Can Make a Difference

We can't control the storms in life—the force of a hurricane, the slowing beat of a pulse, the devastation of a house fire. But, we can control how we prepare for and respond to such events, and the American Red Cross can help.

Red Cross volunteers turn compassion into action through a diverse array of programs and services. Whether it's a single family house fire or a global conflict, we respond to support our neighbors in need. We prepare for emergencies with training and practical action plans.

We provide half the nation's blood. We open lines of communication between U.S. military members and their families. We relieve suffering throughout the world.

You are essential to our work. Every day, your generous donations of time, money and blood support our crucial services



## Bringing Relief, Offering Hope

Become a Red Cross volunteer and help people who are facing an emergency. You may find your own life changed in the process.

**Disaster Response**—Help people affected by disasters ranging from home fires to hurricanes by providing food, shelter, essential relief supplies, comfort and hope.

Blood Services – Opportunities include coordinating blood drives; serving as a driver to transport blood from mobile drives and fixed donation sites; deliver blood to hospitals and make shuttle runs between regional centers; scheduling blood drive volunteers; working in the Rochester warehouse; and volunteering at blood drives throughout our communities to help register blood donors and staff the refreshment area.

Service to the Armed Forces—Connect families and veterans with resources in response to emergencies, train military families in coping and resiliency skills, and supply recreational and therapeutic support in military and VA health care facilities.

Fundraising—Make it financially possible for the Red Cross to deliver its lifesaving services. The Red Cross is a nonprofit organization that relies on volunteers and generosity of the American public to perform our mission.

National Headquarters – Utilize professional skills to support departments with national initiatives.



## **Educating and Preparing for Tomorrow**

Preparedness Education—Teach families, people in classrooms, organizations and corporations how to "Be Red Cross Ready" for disasters and emergencies by taking simple steps to get prepared.

International Humanitarian Services—Coordinate fundraising for measles vaccines, educate youth about the Geneva Conventions and provide international tracing and messaging for loved ones separated by armed conflict.

Clerical Support – Help with mailings, filing, data entry, front-desk reception, or other office tasks. Experienced volunteers can take on upper-level office assistance responsibilities and positions.

Recruitment – Work as part of a team to help design and implement plans for new volunteers.

Red Cross Clubs – Join an existing club or start a new club from elementary school to college.

Youth and group engagement

opportunities are available.

Contact us for more information

