



American Red Cross
of Western New York

Real Heroes Award Category Definitions

Animal Rescue: Presented to the family of a pet who was instrumental in saving a life, or an individual who was instrumental in saving an animal's life.

Blood Donor: Presented to an individual or organization who has helped save countless lives through blood donations or acted as an advocate for blood donations in the community.

Community Service: Presented to an organization or individual(s) whose cumulative contributions benefit the community.

Education: Presented to an educator or layperson who used life-saving skills to save the life of another in an educational setting or had a significant impact inside or outside of the school.

Fire Rescue: Presented to a firefighter or firefighters, volunteer or paid, whose life-saving actions exemplify the very highest standards of their calling.

Good Samaritan – Adult (21+): Presented to an individual 21 years or older who used life-saving skills to save the life of another, or had a significant, meaningful impact upon the life of another.

Good Samaritan – Youth (20 & under): Presented to an individual 20 years or younger who used life-saving skills to save the life of another, or who had a significant, meaningful impact upon the life of another.

Law Enforcement: Presented to a law enforcement officer whose life-saving actions exemplify the very highest standards of their calling.

Lifeline: Presented to a 9-1-1 dispatcher or caller who utilized emergency communications or preparedness to save the life of another.

Medical: Presented to a medical professional, EMS volunteer or organization whose life-saving action or preparedness exemplifies the very highest standards of their calling.

Military: Presented to a member of the Armed forces (active or former, commissioned or non-commissioned) whose life-saving actions or preparedness exemplify the very highest standards of their calling, or to a person or organization dedicated to Veteran Services.

Workplace Safety: Presented to a business owner, manager, or employee whose preparedness or life-saving actions in response to a workplace emergency exemplify the very highest standards of their calling.