



Orange County Heroes Awards

Official Nomination Form

Nomination Deadline:



American Red Cross
Orange County



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As the community leader in emergency preparedness, prevention and response, the American Red Cross honors individuals whose extraordinary acts of courage and kindness make them heroes. Heroes are selected based on the degree to which their acts of heroism uphold the values of the American Red Cross and leave a lasting and positive impact on the residents of Orange County.

Award Categories

Animal Welfare Hero: Presented to an animal that has protected a human or another animal in a time of need, to a person who has rescued an animal from a traumatic situation, to an animal that is making a difference to impact someone's life, or to an individual that cares for animals.

Disaster Responder Hero: An individual or organization that exemplifies dedication to strengthening community resilience through preparedness, response, or recovery efforts. This includes those who support people before, during, or after emergencies through compassionate, mission-driven service.

First Responder Hero: Presented to a professional or volunteer serving as a law enforcement official, firefighter, first responder or responder in the medical or healthcare field. This award is presented to a person or persons who has exhibited heroism in their response to an emergency, on or off-duty, through acts of courage or selflessness.

Gift of Life Hero: An individual or group that supports the lifesaving mission of the American Red Cross through blood or platelet donations or inspiring others to give blood or platelets.

Good Samaritan Hero: Presented to a person that has demonstrated outstanding heroism, skill, commitment or resourcefulness in attempt to save one or more lives by utilizing skills aligned with those taught in Red Cross programs such as CPR/AED/First Aid or other health and preparedness training.

Service to the Armed Forces Hero: Presented to a member of the armed forces (active or veteran, commissioned or non-commissioned) whose heroic action(s) demonstrated exceptional courage or improved the welfare of the military community. This award may be presented posthumously and may also be awarded to ROTC members or civilians/organizations that have made a significant impact on the military community.

Youth Hero Award (age 18 or younger): Presented to a youth in the community who has demonstrated courage, initiative and/or compassion in the spirit of the American Red Cross in service to another individual or the welfare of the region.

Award Guidelines and Requirements

- All nominees must work or reside in Orange County. The heroic act may have occurred elsewhere.
- The heroic act must be either an ongoing commitment to the community for more than one year, or must have occurred this year or the previous year.
- It is possible to have more than one person awarded in a category for the same act.
- This year's Class of Heroes will be selected by the Heroes Selection Committee based on hero merit, availability for filming and award acceptance and adherence to Red Cross fundamental principles.
- Nominees may meet the criteria for more than one category or be moved to a different category at the discretion of the Selection Committee during deliberation.

For more information, contact us at socalevents@redcross.org

Heroes Nomination Form

Nominate Your Hero Today!

Nomination Deadline:

Hero Nominee Information:

Name _____

Occupation _____

Address _____

City _____

State _____ Zip _____

Phone _____

Email _____

County of Residence _____

Hero Nominator Information (You!):

Name _____

Address _____

City _____

State _____ Zip _____

Phone _____

Email _____

Relationship to Nominee _____

Does your nominee know they are being nominated? yes no

Award Categories (select one):

Animal Welfare Hero _____

Disaster Responder Hero _____

First Responder Hero _____

Gift of Life Hero _____

Good Samaritan Hero _____

Service to the Armed Forces Hero _____

Youth Hero _____

To Nominate Your Hero:

Your nomination should include:

1. Nominations should include all the requested contact information.
2. Description explaining why your hero deserves to be recognized (500 words or less). If able, include names and contact information for witnesses whom we can contact for additional information and/or verification as needed.
3. Please include supporting documents such as related news articles and photographs, if available.

Submit your nomination form by mail, email or online:



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Email: socalevents@redcross.org
Online: redcross.org/oheroes



Nomination Statement

Please describe in 500 words or less what makes your nominee a hero.
You can attach news clips or photographs to your nomination package.



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