When you call 9-1-1, who do they call?

American Red Cross
Hawaii State Chapter

MISSION

The American Red Cross, a humanitarian organization led by volunteers and guided by its Congressional Charter and the Fundamental Principles of the International Red Cross Movement, will provide relief to victims of disaster and help people prevent, prepare for and respond to emergencies.

FISCAL YEAR 2008-2009

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The Hawaii Red Cross responded to about 100 disasters this past year (one every 3-4 days) reaching out and assisting 646 individuals, sheltering 272 and serving 3,460 meals. The reason we could provide this assistance was because of the generosity of our donors, volunteers, and the community.

In addition to responding to disaster victims with caring and compassion and helping people prepare for disasters, our mission is to save lives. Each year, we teach over 33,000 people essential lifesaving skills such as first aid, CPR, and aquatics to enable them to help their own families, friends, co-workers and neighbors during times of emergencies.

The Red Cross is not a government agency, so we rely on the generosity and aloha spirit of Hawaii’s people to deliver these services and disaster services are free. We tell our victims that our expectation of payment because all of our disaster training and disaster services are free. We tell our victims that our services are a gift from the people of Hawaii.

Whether it’s a house fire, flooding, a hostage situation or other tragedy, every disaster is personal. When someone has just lost everything they own in a fire or loved ones in a tragedy, they are not able to think clearly. That’s when trained Red Cross volunteers step in to make sure that prescription medicine lost in a fire is refilled, that they have a bed to sleep in that night, or first months rent. And we continue to check on these victims for 30 days, and longer if necessary, to make sure they are recovering. We do these things without any expectation of payment because all of our disaster training and disaster services are free. We tell our victims that our services are a gift from the people of Hawaii.

When we get a hotline call from first responders, our dedicated volunteers rush to the scene of a disaster within two hours of being notified wherever it is, and no matter what time of the day or night. We work in partnership with emergency responders to meet the immediate emergency needs of individuals and families affected by a disaster, to get them back on their feet after tragedy strikes.

HAWAII STATE CHAPTER ANNUAL REPORT
July 1, 2008 - June 30, 2009

INCOME

Unrestricted Monetary Contributions $3,202,569
In Kind Donations and Disaster Reimbursements 217,385
Legacies and Bequests 177,253
Unrestricted Grants 125,425
Restricted Grants 311,896
Program Service Fees 1,552,055
Interest & Other Income 18,823
Total Income $4,779,856

EXPENSES

Armed Forces Emergency Services $399,248
Disaster Services 1,549,208
Health and Safety Services 2,073,924
Management and General 121,879
Membership and Fundraising 370,745
Total Expenses $4,715,004

ASSETS

Cash $1,705,107
Accounts Receivable 69,600
Restricted Accounts Receivable 229,939
Inventories 56,632
Other Current Assets 6,306
Current Assets $2,768,374
Net Building & Equipment 5,087,795
Restricted Investments 1,231,546
Total Assets $8,487,155

LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS

Accounts Payable $69,270
Accrued Liabilities 894,500
Capital Lease & Other Liabilities 38,446
Total Liabilities $1,002,416
Unrestricted 5,087,795
Temporarily Restricted 375,954
Permanently Restricted 1,250,000
Total Net Assets $7,484,739

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RESPONSE HIGHLIGHTS

• Disaster Action Team volunteers responded to 99 disasters, assisting 466 individuals. This assistance included food, clothing, shelter and emotional support or referral. Over 3,460 meals were provided to victims of disasters and emergency workers in the field, and an additional 272 people were housed in 13 shelters during times of evacuation.

• 3,296 military service members and their families relied on the Red Cross for emergency communications and referrals in times of crisis.
• Dedicated and trained volunteers staffed free First Aid Stations at community events throughout the state and provided direct assistance to 1,453 persons.
• Over 17,670 members of the U.S. Armed Forces and their families were provided with pre-deployment information on how to use Red Cross services to maintain connection with their families during times of crisis and separation.

PREPAREDNESS HIGHLIGHTS

• Disaster preparedness information was shared with 17,692 persons on how to prepare for emergencies through presentations and materials.
• Throughout the islands, 25,558 people were taught essential lifesaving skills through first aid, CPR, and Automated External Defibrillation training.
• 6,359 people took aquatic courses to protect their lives and the lives of others in and around water.
• 263 Nursing Assistants were trained to provide professional and compassionate care for the elderly and sick individuals requiring such services.
• 216 youth were certified as Red Cross Babysitters.
• The Hawaii Red Cross has over 3,700 volunteers including 15 Red Cross Youth Clubs.

OTHER HIGHLIGHTS

In FY09, 41 Red Cross animal volunteers (35 dogs, 2 cats, and 4 rabbits) made 258 visits to patients at Tripler Army Medical Center as part of Red Cross Tripler Human Animal Bond (HAB) Program. The American Red Cross sponsors this pet facilitated therapy program, which uses animals to assist a therapist in helping patients who are recovering from physical, mental or social illness. Volunteers bring pets to wards, clinics and waiting areas for informal visits. To volunteer, contact the Red Cross Human Animal Bond Program, 433-6631.

REACHING OUT IN THE COMMUNITY

God bless to all you who work to help the less fortunate. Helping the community is just that need that little extra to help them get by. It is for some catastrophe of nature or misfortune. . . Sometimes it’s that little extra help that can get someone over the hump... It’s good to know that when someone has lost everything that there is somewhere to turn to. The light of hope and tranquility in a sea of despair. I am too am not immune either to the down turn in the economy. Still I would like to help where and when I can. Not only is it the right thing to do. It feels good just doing it.

— Donor

It was good that they give us money but when you feel alone and don’t have anyone, no one taking care of you, you want someone to take care of you. I would call Red Cross caseworker. “ it’s nice to know they are there for you.”

— Military wife (husband in Iraq) & mother of 5 whose home at Schofield caught on fire.

In January, we had the misfortune of a house fire and lost everything. Within an hour, the Red Cross was there at our house. They set us up with a package, helped us financially... supported us emotionally... set us up with first month’s rent. It’s a great cause... still checking up on us from time to time, making sure we are doing fine.

— Disaster Fire Victim

In order to provide food, clothing, shelter, and emotional support or referral, the American Red Cross responded to 99 disasters, reaching 646 individuals. This assistance included 3,460 meals. There were cots, blankets, a place to eat, food, canned goods. The Red Cross was “Johnny on the spot.” I am very appreciative of what the Red Cross does. The Red Cross was really organized, well prepared, knew what they were doing. The Red Cross trained people in the community throughout the year. When emergency did occur, they were there. — Laie woman whose home was damaged by Winter 2008 flooding

There is a tremendous reaction to the Red Cross because during times of disaster when people’s lives have been destroyed, when people see the Red Cross vest, it gives them a spirit of hope. People identify the Red Cross as an organization that helps the community regardless of the circumstances.

— Disaster Volunteer

I am thankful to (Red Cross instructor) for teaching me the skills that resulted in saving a life. I believe the training I received is important because you cannot put a price tag on being equipped and prepared. The Red Cross goes above and beyond in regards to training and hands-on practice, so students are prepared to act when duty calls.

— Individual who saved a life by performing CPR one week after taking the Red Cross training

It was amazing to receive help from the Red Cross. My husband had been away from home a lot this past year. I believe that without the Red Cross, military families would not be able to do much with each other during times of need or death. My advice for other military families is to contact the Red Cross immediately so they can help right away.

— Military spouse who was assisted with emergency communication to her deployed husband upon death of her father

…the Red Cross was in the Laie community, going door-to-door to help families, asking what they could do to help. The Red Cross workers helped put furniture up, told people where to go for shelter (BYU), Red Cross was already operating the shelter. My family could not go back to their home and was the first family at BYU shelter. There were cots, blankets, a place to eat, food, canned goods. The Red Cross was “Johnny on the spot” I am very appreciative of what the Red Cross does. The Red Cross was really organized, well prepared, knew what they were doing. The Red Cross trained people in the community throughout the year. When emergency did occur, they were there. — Laie woman whose home was damaged by Winter 2008 flooding