A Message from the Chair and CEO

Officially chartered as a chapter of the American Red Cross in 1917, the humanitarian work of the Red Cross began as early as 1898, when 300 women, including Princess Ka’iulani, cared for sick and wounded soldiers en route from the Philippines during the Spanish American War. In 1917, Queen Liliuokalani sewed a Red Cross flag that soared above Iolani Palace during WWI, while volunteers rolled bandages in the Throne Room. When the flag was presented to the Territorial Governor on September 14, 1917, the Queen said "the flag is an expression of my warm and hearty sympathy for the cause of humanity." On September 29, 1917, our first membership drive was held. Over 16,000 people joined the Red Cross that day, or 1/6 of the entire population of Oahu. Among them was Queen Liliuokalani, seated in a wheelchair on the lanai of her Washington Place home, who presented a $100 check to become a patron member. As future Territorial Governor George Carter said in an address to the Civic Convention in Honolulu: “The Red Cross is to humanity what our flag is to liberty. They are symbols of our faith and liberty. The Red Cross organization is the channel along which the generosity of our hearts may be carried into action.”

For the past 95 years, the people of Hawaii have depended on us to respond not only to everyday fires and floods, but every major natural and man-made disaster that struck our islands. The Red Cross is on call 24/7, 365 days a year. Our dedicated volunteers rush to the scene of a disaster, day or night, to help those affected get back on their feet after tragedy strikes. We are not a government agency and rely on the generosity of Hawaii’s people to deliver our critical services to our community. Mahalo to our volunteers and donors for their compassionate contribution to the cause of humanity. ----

Scott Wo, Chair, and Coralie Matayoshi, CEO

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Hawaii Red Cross Response Highlights

- Disaster Action Team volunteers responded to 86 disasters, reaching 376 individuals. This assistance included food, clothing, shelter and emotional support or referral. Over 1,043 meals were provided to victims of disasters and emergency workers in the field, and an additional 183 people were housed in 10 shelters during times of evacuation.
- 1,384 military service members and their families relied on the Red Cross for emergency communications in times of crisis.
- Dedicated and trained volunteers staffed free First Aid Stations at community events throughout the state and provided direct assistance to 1,500 persons.
- Over 17,814 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.

Hawaii Red Cross Preparedness Highlights

- Disaster preparedness information was shared with 27,112 persons on how to prepare for emergencies through presentations and materials.
- Throughout the islands, over 16,400 people were reached with the information and skills to protect and save lives through the use of First Aid, CPR and Automated External Defibrillation and other training courses.
- Lifesaving aquatics courses were provided to 3,010 persons teaching them how to protect their lives and the lives of others in and around the water.

Other Highlights:
In FY12, 34 Red Cross dog volunteers visited 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. All animals are screened by Army Veterinary Services and must pass strict behavioral and physical qualifications to be a part of this program. All handlers also receive special training. For more information, contact the Red Cross Human Animal Bond Program, 433-6631.

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