



# The Hawaii Red Cross is turning 100!

Officially chartered as a chapter of the American Red Cross in 1917, the humanitarian work of the Hawaii Red Cross actually began as early as 1898. It began when 300 women, including Princess Kaiulani, 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 World War I, 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."

## Helping Hawaii in the past, present and future

After World War I, the Hawaii Red Cross focused on first aid, water safety and nursing programs. Throughout these years, the Red Cross assisted victims of floods, fires, flu and measles epidemics. When Pearl Harbor was attacked, the Hawaii Red Cross—the only American Red Cross chapter in a combat zone—sprang into action.

For 100 years, the Red Cross has played a vital role in helping the people of Hawaii recover from every major disaster, from hurricanes, earthquakes, tsunamis, volcanic eruptions and air crashes. Through the generosity and support of Hawaii's people,



*Territorial Governor Lucius Pinkham and Queen Liliuokalani's secretary, Colonel Iaukea presents a sewn Red Cross flag on the steps of Iolani Palace.*

the Hawaii Red Cross will be here for the next 100 years to provide comfort and hope to those in need.

To learn more, go to [redcross.org/Hawaii](http://redcross.org/Hawaii)

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A message from the CEO

## Always here, always ready

As we celebrate our centennial year, I'm thankful for dedicated supporters like you who ensure that the Red Cross is ready to provide comfort, care and hope during times of emergency.

Since our first membership drive in 1917, the Hawaii Red Cross has continued to always be where it was needed and always ready to help those in need. Over 16,000 people joined the Red Cross that day or one-sixth of the entire population of Oahu. Among them was Queen Liliuokalani, who presented a \$100 check to become a member while seated in a wheelchair in her Washington Place home.

Thank you for helping us perpetuate our humanitarian legacy for future generations. Whether it is through a new emergency response vehicle or our youth volunteers, we are looking forward to serving the community and fulfilling our mission for the next 100 years.

Sincerely,

Coralie Matayoshi, CEO  
American Red Cross  
Pacific Islands Region -  
Hawaii Guam Saipan



## Helping our veterans with fire safety

When Air Force Veteran E. Wayne Glene learned about the Red Cross Home Fire Campaign, he signed up right away. "I got safety conscious when I was in the military, so when I saw this place, it's an older house, it had no smoke detectors, I knew I just needed some for my own peace of mind," he says.



Red Cross helps residents with emergency plans

Hawaii Red Cross Volunteers with First Insurance Company of Hawaii as well as the Honolulu Fire Department and IBEW, Local Union 1186, installed free smoke alarms in E. Wayne's Honolulu home. They also taught him about fire safety and helping him plan escape routes from each room in his home.

"I didn't expect all that," E. Wayne says of how many people came out. "I thought I was going to have to install it."

Now that his house is secure, E. Wayne says he'll be able to sleep a little better. "A lot of times, my demographic, we don't think about safety," he says. "But I think about safety and then later, when I start a family, I'll make sure that my family is safe, and that starts with me."

### Making our state safer

In Hawaii, 1,575 smoke alarms have been installed since 2014, making 459 households safer. Nationwide, 473,228 alarms have been installed, making 204,362 households safer and saving 111 lives across the country.

Visit [redcross.org](http://redcross.org) if you would like to help make households in your community safer and better prepared for a home fire.

## Join our Red Cross Clara Barton Society!

Clara Barton Society members embody the characteristics of our founder: dedication, compassion and leadership. With an annual gift of \$1,000 to \$9,999, you turn compassion into action. You help people in their times of greatest need and inspire others to join with you and the Red Cross. Honor Duke Kahanamoku with an annual gift of \$1,000 to \$2,499, Princess Kaiulani with \$2,500 to \$4,999 or Queen Liliuokalani with \$5,000 to \$9,999. Like the actions of those honored, your compassionate contribution will save lives and give hope to those in need.



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Learn more by contacting Jennifer Dotson at [jennifer.dotson2@redcross.org](mailto:jennifer.dotson2@redcross.org) or at 808-739-8133.

# Help us purchase a next generation emergency response vehicle

When disasters strike, the people of Hawaii know the Red Cross will be there to respond. The Hawaii Red Cross is on call 24 hours a day, 365 days a year and respond to disasters in Hawaii every 4 days. Besides food, clothing and shelter, we also provide invaluable crisis counseling through trained volunteer mental health professionals.

One resource that our volunteers heavily rely on to deliver disaster relief is the Red Cross Emergency Response Vehicle (ERV). Red Cross ERVs are instrumental in almost every phase of disaster response—from prepositioning people, cots and blankets before a hurricane strikes, to distributing food and water following a brushfire, to providing a safe place for a Red Cross worker to offer physical and emotional support to a family following a home fire.

## How you can help improve our relief efforts

The current Hawaii Red Cross ERV is 13 years old. The new Next Generation ERVs have been carefully designed to improve the way we deliver relief to disaster victims, support our volunteer workforce, and utilize precious donor resources while ensuring that we can be in the right place at the right time with the right resources.



*The new next generation emergency response vehicle.*

We work side by side with firefighters, police, civil defense, and military to fulfill this humanitarian mission, yet do not receive any funding from the federal or state government for disaster operations. Instead, we rely on the generosity of Hawaii's people to provide critical services to our community.

**Please donate today to help us continue to fulfill our humanitarian mission for the next 100 years!**  
Go to [www.crowdrise.com/redcrosshawaii100](http://www.crowdrise.com/redcrosshawaii100)

# Red Cross youth show their service

Recently, over 50 Hawaii Red Cross Club students from 13 different Oahu high schools spent their Saturday cleaning up Ala Moana Beach Park. Students that participated in



*The Red Cross mission extends to new generations.*

this event were from Mid-Pacific, UH Moana, Island Pacific, Mililani, Roosevelt, Aiea High, IPA, Nanakuli High, Punahou, La Pietra, Kaiser, Kalani High, and the Hawaii Chapter Red Cross Club.

The students' dedicated effort toward this cleanup project earned a \$1,000 donation from the Matson Foundation to the Hawaii Red Cross through their Ka Ipu 'Aina project.

In addition, dozens of Red Cross Club members participated in the annual Disaster Day of Cleanup. The youth assisted disaster services volunteers with various tasks that ranged from compiling folders to inventorying items.

Mahalo to our hardworking youth Red Cross volunteers who are helping to spread the Red Cross mission across new generations!

**For more information on joining a Hawaii Red Cross Club or starting a Red Cross Club at your school email [volunteerpacific@redcross.org](mailto:volunteerpacific@redcross.org)**

Here is how **your support** makes a difference



Supported **800** shelters with over **207,000** overnight stays



Delivered over **4,100,000** meals and snacks



Opened over **43,500** cases to provide one-on-one support

Statistics represent January 1 to December 31, 2016

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