



*Celebrating 95+ Years of Service to Hawaii!*

## **Sending Aloha where help is needed**



Volunteer viewing mudslide area



Red Cross providing canteen service for emergency teams



Oahu volunteer Ron & Maui volunteer Trina



Search and Rescue personnel marches to the disaster area



Ron with a therapy dog

To our wonderful Volunteers and Supporters,

Spring 2014

Not everyone realizes the scope of what Red Cross disaster volunteers really do. They are on call 24/7, 365 days a year to respond to local disasters like house fires and floods. They provide immediate emergency relief to victims of disaster such as food, clothing, and shelter.

But they also offer something that is intangible and irreplaceable — a shoulder to lean on, and hope that better days lie ahead. Our nurse and social worker volunteers provide health services and crisis counseling to those affected by disasters, ensuring that they have the proper care and support to help them to recover.

When the tragic Washington landslide occurred on March 22, Red Cross volunteers from across the nation were called upon to help with the relief efforts. Four of our Hawaii volunteers rose to the occasion and were deployed. One assisted with needed administrative support, another with health services, and two with disaster mental health services. Some of the volunteers who were deployed even left the same day that they were notified, showing how ready and willing they were to drop everything and rush to help those in need.

Ron, a social worker who deployed as a disaster mental health services volunteer, encountered many families and friends of those affected and described his assistance as observing, building trust and waiting for the right time to approach grieving families or volunteer rescue workers to provide emotional support. Other Red Cross volunteers provided assistance to the families of the deceased through condolence visits.

A Red Crosser stationed at the Arlington shelter saw a friend who lived close to the area of the mudslide, and asked if he had been impacted. His friend shared that he had left the house to get groceries, leaving his developmentally disabled son at home. He returned to find no home, and no son. Practically everyone in the shelter not only lost their home, but also had a loved one who had perished or was missing, making it an extremely somber shelter experience.

One Hawaii volunteer who was on her first deployment, shared her amazement with the sense of community that she encountered in Washington and also took note of how well the Red Cross, community helpers, government officials and other agencies worked together to respond to the needs of the families affected by the tragedy.

When our volunteers deploy to a national response, they bring back valuable experience and knowledge that will be used here in Hawaii when a major disaster strikes. Whether our volunteers help here in the islands or on the mainland, we are very proud and thankful to have them represent the Hawaii Red Cross and share the aloha spirit with everyone they encounter.

Your support makes all of this possible. Mahalo!

Coralie Chun Matayoshi  
Chief Executive Officer

## Summer Swim—Learn to Swim

Get off the beach and into the water! It's time for our free annual Summer Swim Program at Ala Moana Beach. Adult and keiki can take this program which runs every Saturday in June, 2014 from 9am-10am. Register online at [redcross.org/take-a-class](http://redcross.org/take-a-class) or by calling 1-800-733-2767 and entering coupon code **P298HILTS0714** (you must provide this code in order to get the training at no cost). Registration opens May 1, 2014, but space is limited. For more info or questions, call 739-8179 and leave a message. This is our 50th year the Hawaii Red Cross has provided this free program! No excuses, learn to swim this summer!



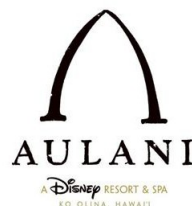
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