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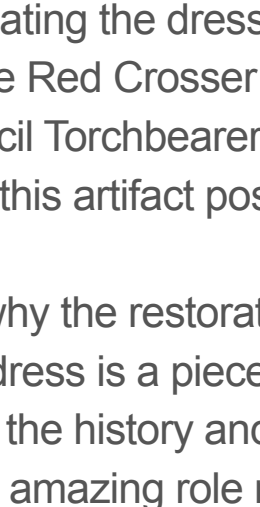
Dear Tiffany Circle Members—

Tiffany Circles nationwide have been gathering with greater frequency, making a difference in their communities. Building on your enthusiasm to unite in support of our lifesaving mission, we are delighted that we will be gathering October 6–7 for the **2023 Tiffany Circle Summit**. In-person events will be held in Washington, D.C., enabling us to build relationships and explore opportunities to grow as Red Cross volunteer leaders. Attendees will enjoy our beautiful national headquarters building, engage with our Red Cross leaders and be inspired by quarter engagement opportunities. With strong attendance at the virtual Summit in 2021, we are excited to again offer select virtual opportunities throughout this year's event.

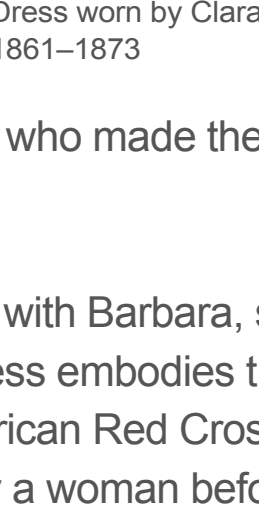
March is Red Cross Month, as proclaimed by the President of the United States. Since 1943, when the tradition first began under President Franklin D. Roosevelt, this month celebrates people like you—individuals across the country who turn compassion into action—helping others in times of crisis. This month, we are particularly proud to celebrate a recent milestone: 2.5 million smoke alarms installed and more than 1,600 documented lives saved through our Home Fire Campaign. Thanks to the many Tiffany Circle members who have made this lifesaving work a reality.

We are also excited to share our extraordinary growth: 1,205 members strong in this network of women leaders. Each of you contributes so much to the Red Cross and—through the Tiffany Circle—makes up a powerful collective that continues to grow because of your passion. We thank you for your continued commitments of time, talent and treasure in support of our lifesaving mission.

In service,



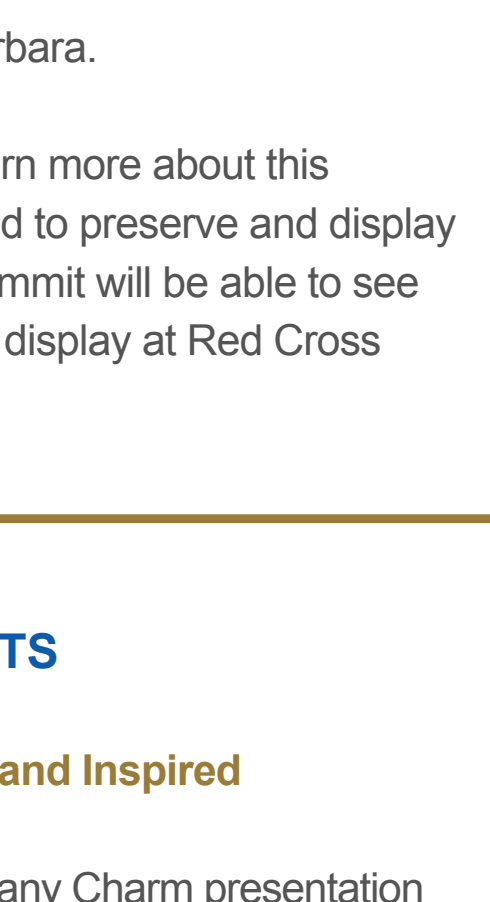
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CLARA BARTON'S DRESS RESTORATION AND A HISTORY OF 19TH-CENTURY FASHION

A remarkable piece of history—a dress that belonged to American Red Cross founder Clara Barton—is now on display at our national headquarters in Washington, D.C. Clara's dress, which was designed to convey respectability and gravitas, was most likely worn by Clara when she met with members of the U.S. Congress and military generals or when she gave speeches. Thanks to Clara's great-grandniece, Sue Stafford, for graciously donating the dress to the Red Cross and to longtime Red Crosser and Tiffany Circle National Council Torchbearer, **Barbara Bovender**, who made the restoration and display of this artifact possible.



Dress worn by Clara Barton, circa 1861–1873

When asked why the restoration project resonated with Barbara, she shared, “This dress is a piece of history. Clara's dress embodies the history of nursing and the history and founding of the American Red Cross. Clara Barton was an amazing role model—and was truly a woman before her time. It was an honor to support the restoration and installation of this historical artifact.”

Drawn to fabrics and fashion, supporting the dress restoration was a natural fit for Barbara. “My mom, another strong woman, was a seamstress. Textiles and sewing were an integral part of our livelihood and my upbringing.” Barbara reminisced on learning to sew and sourcing fabrics with her mother. Barbara then reflected on realizing the conservation of Clara Barton's dress, “I wish she could just see this. She would be so proud.”



Tiffany Circle Members Donna Flory (National Capital and Greater Chesapeake Region) and Barbara Bovender (Tennessee Region)

“I am excited that Clara Barton's dress is now able to be viewed by Red Cross volunteers, staff and visitors so they can learn more about her life and the history of the Red Cross,” said Barbara.

We invite you to watch this wonderful **video** to learn more about this incredible piece of history and the process followed to preserve and display the dress. Attendees of the 2023 Tiffany Circle Summit will be able to see Clara's dress and other archives, which will be on display at Red Cross Square. To register, visit [TiffanyCircle.org](https://www.tiffanycircle.org).

REGION SPOTLIGHTS

The Tiffany Circle of Georgia: Mission-Driven and Inspired

The **Tiffany Circle of Georgia** hosted its 2022 Tiffany Charm presentation ceremony and fall gathering in November at the Swan Coach House at the Atlanta History Center.

Susan Landreth Everitt, Executive Director of the American Red Cross of the East Central Georgia Chapter, delivered an inspiring and emotionally stirring “Mission Moment,” sharing that her home was destroyed following Hurricane Floyd in 2001, and the Red Cross was there to provide help and hope. Susan shared that, at that moment, she knew that she needed to give back to the Red Cross and became a volunteer. Fifteen years later, Susan became the Executive Director of the American Red Cross in East Central Georgia and has deployed nine times to assist people affected by hurricanes.

Special recognition awards were presented to Founding Atlanta Tiffany Circle member **Suzanne Detlefs** and longtime member **Eleanor Morgan**. Both were recognized for their outstanding dedication to the American Red Cross and their leadership throughout the years.



Back row (left to right): Terri Badour, Greater Atlanta Chapter Executive Director; Susan Landreth Everitt, Executive Director of East Central Chapter; members Marianne Lassiter, Rosalie Clough, Suzanne Detlefs and Trinita Ervin; Susie Trotochaud, Tiffany Circle of Georgia Co-Chair; Meredith Sidewater, Karen Rose and Alicia Jones; and Todd Brown, Board Chair for the Greater Atlanta Chapter
Front row (left to right): Janet Kinzey, Chief Development Officer for the Georgia Region; members Eleanor Morgan, Liz Blake, Tina McKeon and Natalie Batchelor; Judy Vogel, Tiffany Circle of Georgia Co-Chair; Dee Dixon, CEO of the Georgia Region; and Joe Vella, Regional Philanthropy Officer

Colorado and Wyoming Tiffany Circle Sends Support to Deployed Service Members

In November, the Colorado and Wyoming Tiffany Circle collected hundreds of blank greeting cards to give to service members to their loved ones. Tiffany Circle members then gathered on Veterans Day to sign cards filled with holiday cheer from our region for service members deployed in Bulgaria. They were joined by Service to the Armed Forces and International Services Director Nadja Cockrell and Meredith Barrentine, lead volunteer for Military Entrance Processing Station, sharing how the Red Cross helps to support enlisted service members.



LEFT PHOTO (Left to right): Bonnie Perkins, Sally Haas, Kelli Connor, Kathy Nicolls, Rhonda Prendergast, Donna Winter, Lori O'Flaherty, Marge Harper, Jayne Anderson
CENTER PHOTO (At table): Marge Harper
RIGHT PHOTO (Left to right): Kathy Nicolls, Rhonda Prendergast

The Northwest Region Serves Our Veterans

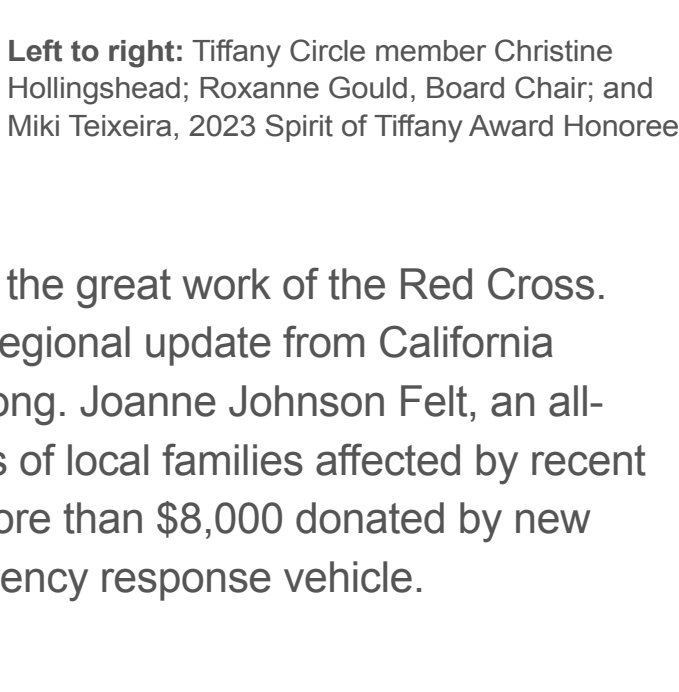
Two days before Thanksgiving, the Northwest Region Tiffany Circle joined other Red Cross volunteers to serve lunch and chat with more than 100 military veterans at a “Heroes' Café” event. Once a month, these veterans, mostly from the Vietnam War era, gather to reconnect, share stories, celebrate birthdays and enjoy a buffet lunch. The Northwest Region has a special focus on Service to the Armed Forces and welcomed this chance to see Red Cross service through the eyes of our volunteers.



Left to right: Timber Chin, member; Anna Wood, Regional Philanthropy Officer; Jane Morrow, member; Ken Mundt, Tiffany Circle staff liaison; Keely Reinhard, member.

Northern California Celebrates International Service

In December, members of the Northern California Coastal Region Tiffany Circle gathered at the beautiful Rosewood Hotel in Menlo Park to celebrate their shared impact in 2022, highlight our International Services work and receive the beautiful charms that correspond with this mission area.



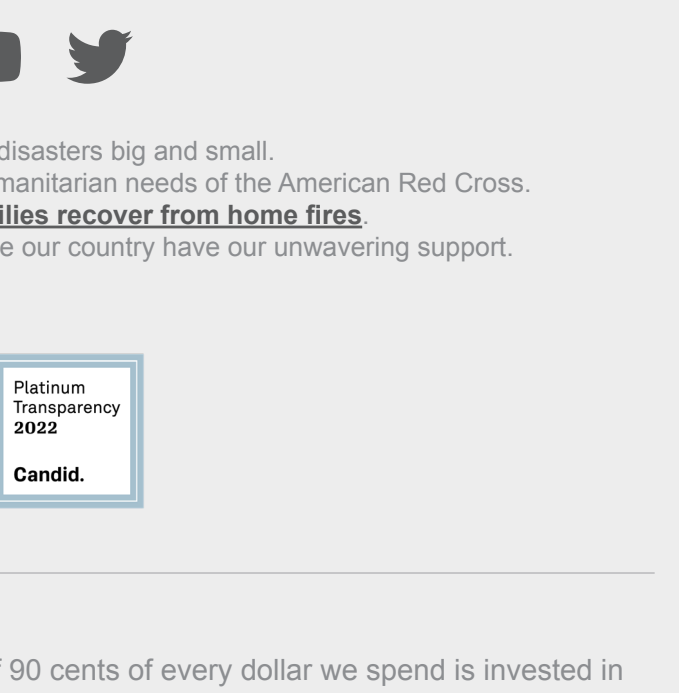
Left to right: Tiffany Circle members Kathryn Holmes, Ingrid Swenson, LeeAnn Woodward, Kenzie Ferguson, Linda Zellerbach, Eve Dreyfuss, Barbara Cannella, Karen Iwamoto, Valerie Sanders, Nisha Baxi (Photographer: Brenda Dawson Dove)

[See more photos here.](#)

Regional CEO Hanna Malak gave an update on our response to the conflict in Ukraine. Former Silicon Valley Chapter Board Member and longtime volunteer Thu-Thuy Truong shared her powerful story of how the Red Cross reconnected her family following the Fall of Saigon through our Restoring Family Links program. We welcome everyone to listen to [Thu-Thuy's powerful story](#) and learn more about the [Family Links Program](#).

North Carolina Tiffany Circle Reception

In November, Tiffany Circle members in **Eastern North Carolina Region** and the **Greater Carolinas Region** had their first joint event at the North Carolina Governor's Mansion in Raleigh. It was a momentous event, as they were able to honor the Governor and Mrs. Cooper for their support of the American Red Cross. Held a day before Veterans Day, the event was appropriately focused on Red Cross Service to the Armed Forces. Speakers included Sandra Robinson, military combat veteran and Greater Carolinas Service to the Armed Forces volunteer; Larry Hines, Vietnam War Donut Dollie; Johnny Jernigan, military veteran and Eastern North Carolina Service to the Armed Forces Program Manager at Camp Lejeune; First Lady Kristin Cooper, whose father served in the military; and Governor Cooper. Barry Porter, CEO of the Eastern North Carolina Region, was on hand to present Governor and Mrs. Cooper with American Red Cross Ambassador Awards in recognition of their support during the COVID-19 pandemic.

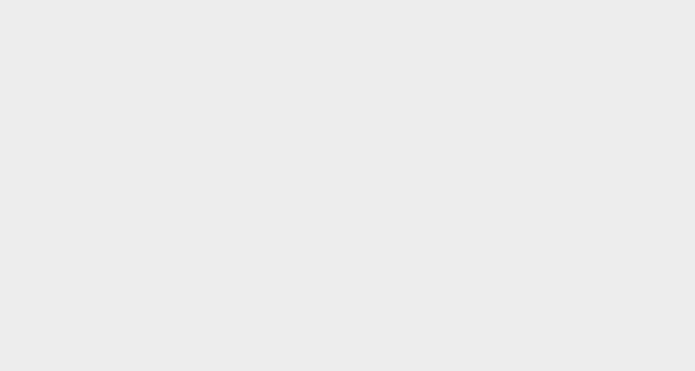


Front row (left to right): North Carolina First Lady Kristin Cooper, Anne McKnight, Elaine Lyerly, Sue Hassmiller, North Carolina Governor Roy Cooper, Amy Uebele, Ellen Vilas, Angela Broome Powley, Kathie Wilkinson
Back row (left to right): Jennifer Rogers, Mari McAndrews, Martha Allen, Cathy Tisdale, Beth Ann Keeton, Linda Craft

Wisconsin Region: Women in Philanthropy Reception Focuses on Prospective Members

In November, the **Wisconsin Region Tiffany Circle** convened for a Women in Philanthropy Reception. This lovely event was hosted by Tiffany Circle member **Gail Yabuki** at the Town Club in Milwaukee

The event celebrated new members, **Ursula Flores**, **Marlene Mack**, **Liz Meffort** and **Asra Sasmaz**, and introduced prospective members to the Red Cross mission. Presenters included **Sara Horein**, Tiffany Circle National Council Co-Chair; Regional Executive Mark Thomas; and Wendy Savage, North Central Wisconsin Executive Director. Speakers highlighted national and regional Tiffany Circle updates, a regional overview and deployments to Hurricane Ian. New members received their Tiffany Circle bracelets and charms presented by Horein and Thomas. Since the beginning of FY23, the Wisconsin Region Tiffany Circle has grown 23% to a total of 32 members.



LEFT PHOTO (Left to right): New member Ursula Flores, Northeast Wisconsin Chapter board member Martha Richey and Regional Executive Mark Thomas
RIGHT PHOTO (Left to right): Tiffany Circle members Liz Meffort and Asra Sasmaz; Sara Horein, Tiffany Circle National Council Co-Chair; and Tiffany Circle member Ursula Flores.

Kansas City Rings in Holiday Cheer

The **Greater Kansas City Tiffany Circle** met for its Annual Holiday Gathering in December to hear about the impact of recent work throughout the region. New Tiffany Circle member **Patty Wood** accepted the 2022 Armacost Family Humanitarian Award for her and her husband's generous philanthropy and her generous philanthropy through The Kemper Foundation. Named in honor of Don Sr. and Lucille Armacost for their immense support of the American Red Cross, this is the highest award from the Red Cross in Kansas City.

LEFT PHOTO (Left to right): Alison Jager, Ellen Cray, Sherri Odell, JoAnn Woody, Diane Johnson, Ellen Meriman, Laura McConnell Perin, Corliss Miller, Susan Spaulding, Amy Dickinson Holeywinski, Patty Wood
RIGHT PHOTO (Left to right): Randee Krumwiede, Missouri-Arkansas Chief Development Officer, Patty Wood; and Chad Gritman, Kansas City Regional Philanthropy Officer.

Tiffany Circle of California Gold Country Region Holiday Event

In December, the California Gold Country Region Tiffany Circle hosted a Power of Partnership holiday event at member **Christine Hollingshead's** residence in Granite Bay. Christine initially was inspired by the Red Cross's great work assisting families affected by the Caldor Fire in South Lake Tahoe in 2021. Christine invited friends, family and community members to the Power of Partnership event to learn more about the great work of the Red Cross.

Left to right: Tiffany Circle member Christine Hollingshead; Roxanne Gould, Board Chair; and Miki Teixeira, 2023 Spirit of Tiffany Award Honoree

The more than 45 attendees heard a regional update from California Gold Country Regional CEO Gary Strong. Joanne Johnson Felt, an all-star volunteer, shared impactful stories of local families affected by recent wildfires. The event also resulted in more than \$8,000 donated by new supporters towards a new local emergency response vehicle.

St. Louis Tiffany Circle Holiday Gathering

Last December, St. Louis Tiffany Circle member **Susie Busch Transou** hosted a Tiffany Circle Holiday Gathering at her new store, Hearth & Soul, in Ladue, Missouri. Red Cross disaster volunteers joined the event to share their experiences deploying for Hurricane Ian, and members met new Regional CEO Barry Falke.

Back row (left to right): Tiffany Circle members Michelle Williams, Claire Flowers, Jill Myers, Kathy Lang, Judy Jehling, Gladys Stanard
Front row (left to right): Sandy Soll, Christy James.

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