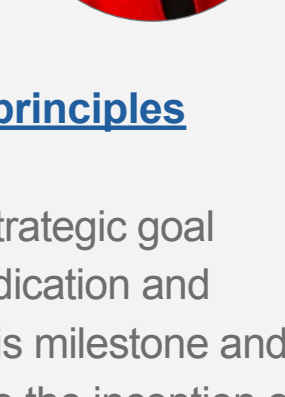


Summer Edition

Dear Tiffany Circle members,

I hope you and your families are safe, well and healthy during these unprecedented times. In light of a national civil unrest and our new reality surrounding COVID-19, now more than ever, I'm proud to support an astounding organization that is guided by these [seven fundamental principles](#)



Three years ago, our Tiffany Circle National Council set a strategic goal of reaching 1,000 members. As a result of our collective dedication and passion for the American Red Cross, we have exceeded this milestone and now have **1,031 Tiffany Circle members** nationwide. Since the inception of Tiffany Circle, this powerful group of women philanthropists have invested gifts totaling \$127,429,850, and this year alone, over 289 Tiffany Circle members have volunteered more than 18,400 hours in their communities. We have exceeded our strategic plan goals and you have played a significant role in growing this group to the vibrant Circle it is today.

As my tenure as Chair of the Tiffany Circle National Council concludes, I want you to know it's been an honor to serve and be a part of this thriving Circle of women philanthropists with a passion to support and further the American Red Cross mission. As I step aside, rest assured you are in excellent hands with two dynamic leaders who will continue to build upon our success. I would like to welcome Kathryn "Kathy" Flynn and Janis "Jan" Tratnik as Co-Chairs of the Tiffany Circle National Council. Their service began on July 1, 2020. They will lead the Tiffany Circle with grace, vigor and compassion!

Again, thank you for your continued support, commitment and all that you do down the street, across the country and around the world.

Warmly and with gratitude,

Beth Renner
Chair, Tiffany Circle National Council
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New Tiffany Circle National Council Members

We are pleased to announce nine new Tiffany Circle National Council members who began service on July 1, 2020. Members of the Council oversee the strategy and direction of the Tiffany Circle and serve as ambassadors for the programs and services of the American Red Cross. The National Council consists of up to 30 voting members who are elected to serve three-year terms and represent Tiffany Circles from across the country. We will highlight each member in upcoming issues of The Torch, but for now, please join us in welcoming the following women to the Tiffany Circle National Council:

Dr. Rowena Dolor Cuffe
Tennessee Region (Nashville)

Teresa Hubbard
North Texas Region

Jennifer McCormick
Los Angeles Region

Lori O'Flaherty
Colorado and Wyoming Region

Teri Pollitt
Southern California Region

Tonya Roth
Tennessee Region (Knoxville)

Pam State
Kentucky Region

Ann Marie Stieritz
Upstate South Carolina Region

Jennifer Wolcott
Tennessee Region (Nashville)

Massachusetts Blood Drive

The American Red Cross Tiffany Circle of Massachusetts hosted a successful blood drive that complied with social distancing guidelines at District Hall in Boston on Friday, May 15. The blood drive exceeded all its goals, collecting 52 units of blood, welcoming 25 new blood donors and saving 156 potential lives. And yes, there were Tiffany Circle cupcakes at the canteen station. "Hearts open, sleeves up, all in!" We are grateful for the continued support of our work down the street, across the country and around the world. Together, we are the humanitarian movement.



South Florida Tiffany Circle Members Give Generously During COVID-19

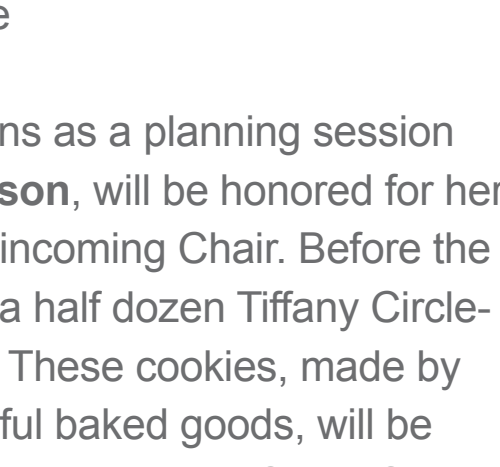
Throughout the global pandemic, the South Florida Region's Tiffany Circle members have remained dedicated to serving others and supporting the humanitarian mission of the American Red Cross.

Essential Protective Equipment Sent to NYC

When the pandemic started, the South Florida Region's Tiffany Circle Miami Chapter members found a way to join together to support a fellow BMH TC member who headed to the front lines to volunteer at "ground zero" in the ICU at Elmhurst Hospital in Queens, NY.

When news of **Dr. Angeleke Saridakis'** (pictured above) selfless decision to help one of the hardest hit hospitals in the epicenter of the COVID-19 pandemic spread amongst our local members, they stepped up to collect much-needed personal protective equipment.

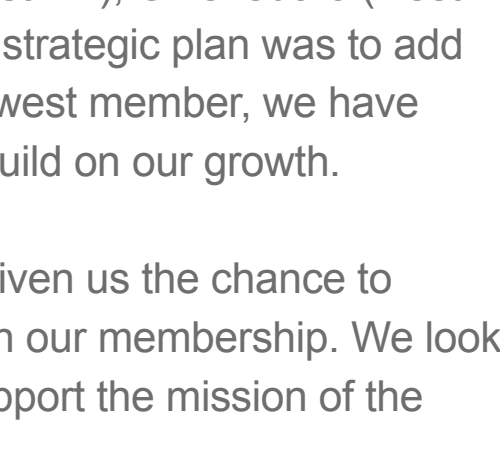
Working with Miami physician and Red Cross supporter Dr. Jose Soler-Baillo of Soler-Baillo Plastic Surgery, they filled a duffel bag with critical supplies and comfort items and shipped it to Dr. Saridakis and her team at Elmhurst. "We wanted Angeleke to know and to feel that she was supported and protected by her Tiffany Circle sisters as she embarked upon her brave journey into the eye of the COVID-19 storm." – Julia Rea Bianchi, Tiffany Circle Founding Member and past National Co-chair.



The large American Red Cross duffel bag filled with protective equipment and comfort items sent to Dr. Saridakis at Elmhurst Hospital in Queens, NY.

TC Member's Foundation Assists Frontline Heroes

Miami BMH Silver member **Ana VeigaMilton**, President of the Jose Milton Foundation, donated more than 300 temporary housing units free of charge to staff at Jackson Health System fighting the COVID-19 pandemic. The donated apartments are fully furnished, include free utilities and are available under a 30-day lease along with weekly extensions as needed by the tenants. This generous gift to the South Florida community amounts to an overall donation of \$2.2 million dollars.



Ana VeigaMilton with her husband, Cecil Milton, at the American Red Cross Ball (2018).

Kentucky Region Tiffany Circle Virtual Gatherings

April, May and June Mugs & Muffins Gatherings were held through Microsoft Teams. Our April meeting featured the kick-off of our Tiffany Circle & Friends Blood Scales Campaign, which has a goal of raising \$171,000. Anne Brown from NHQ Blood Services presented on blood scales. Following her presentation, every member was contacted about this giving opportunity over and above their membership. To date, \$75,000 has been raised over and above their membership.

Our May Mugs & Muffins program featured **Kathy Flynn**, TCNC Co-Chair, who announced the newest member of the TCNC, **Pam State**, from our own Kentucky Region. Kathy discussed the TCNC strategic planning process, the successes of FY20 and the goals for the FY23 strategic plan. Steve Cunanan, KY Region CEO, and Jeremy Jarvi, CDO, gave updates, welcomed our members and congratulated Pam State on her appointment to the TCNC. They thanked our members for their support and engagement in our KY Region Tiffany Circle

We're looking forward to our June Mugs & Muffins as a planning session for FY21. Our outgoing Chair, **Madeline Abramson**, will be honored for her successful leadership and Sally Snavelly will be incoming Chair. Before the June meeting, we will hand-deliver by drop-offs a half dozen Tiffany Circle-colored sugar cookies to each member's home. These cookies, made by a local baker known for her delicious and beautiful baked goods, will be our end-of-year thank you treat with a note from our outgoing Chair. Our charm ceremony has been postponed until September at our Annual Fall Brunch. Our membership has now reached 32 members with members from Louisville (north central KY), Lexington (east KY), Owensboro (west KY) and now Harlan, (southeast) KY. Our FY20 strategic plan was to add members from across the state and with our newest member, we have covered four corners of Kentucky and hope to build on our growth.

Amid the pandemic, the virtual meetings have given us the chance to connect, provide updates and stay engaged with our membership. We look forward to getting back together in person to support the mission of the Red Cross!

Tiffany Circle members gather to help bring comfort to veteran patients at Nashville VA Hospital

On a dreary spring day, Red Cross Nashville Area Tiffany Circle members gathered in the garage of **Jennifer Wolcott's** Nashville home. This wasn't a social gathering but rather a meeting to help make a difference for the area's veterans.



As part of the chapter's annual philanthropy projects, members donned masks and made individual snack packs to take to their area veteran's hospital in Nashville. These snack packs are packed in plastic zipper bags and contain beef sticks, cheese, crackers, protein bars, water bottles and fruit cups. Members and partner businesses donate much of the contents for the snack packs.

After the packs were bagged, they were taken to the hospital in large boxes and was distributed to veterans who are at the VA Hospital for medical treatments and tests.

"When veterans come to the hospital, they are often having tests that require them to have an empty stomach and they will wait on results," said Jennifer Wolcott, Tennessee Region Tiffany Circle Chair who hosted the project. "They are hungry after those tests. This is an easy way to help them and make a difference. Sometimes we also give these out to homeless veterans."

The group makes the snack packs twice a year, and since they began the project in 2015, the ground has made and delivered more than 4,500 snack packs to veterans.

"When we first began, we only made 200," Wolcott said. "But we have found this to be easy and deeply needed project for us to get together and have increased our annual donation to well over 1,500 a year or more."

Tiffany Circle is Growing in the Missouri Arkansas Region

Missouri Arkansas Region Tiffany Circle members **Jennifer McGrath** (not pictured) and **Sandy Soil** (not pictured) participated in a special blood drive held at the Anheuser-Busch Tour Center on April 1, 2020, during the COVID-19 pandemic. The drive collected 36 units out of a goal of 25!

St. Louis Tiffany Circle member **Kathy Lang** (pictured center with her husband, Paul joined the Tiffany Circle in 2019 and attended the Summit. She was so inspired that she recently sponsored her two daughters in Tiffany Circle! Welcome **Anna Marie Lang** (pictured on the left) and **Vanessa Lang** (pictured on the far right) to the Tiffany Circle!

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