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## Inspiring Stories by Region

#### **Level of Courage** Reserved for a Chosen Few" in the Northern New England Region The laid-back scene at Lake Pinneo in Quechee, Vermont

Lifeguards Exhibit "A

got a jolt when a beachgoer collapsed last June 2021. Brent Chandler arrived on the

Getting the call, head lifeguard scene to find a bystander had started CPR. After directing guards Ayla Pearson and Benning Johnson to call 911 and get the AED, respectively, Chandler took over, performing compressions and managing application of the AED, which advised a shock. All totaled, Chandler gave seven rounds of CPR in four minutes before EMS arrived; the victim survived. "To act quickly and decisively during a crisis takes a level of courage reserved only for a chosen few," said Michael Lash, Vermont Chapter

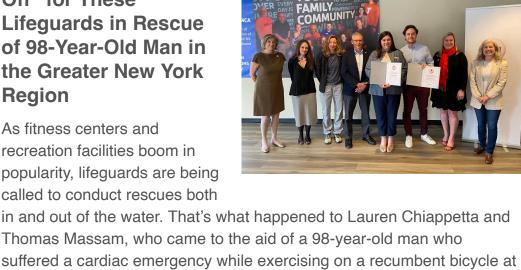
Board Chair, American Red Cross of Northern New England, as he presented each lifeguard with the Lifesaving Award for Professional Responders. Read the full story in the region's blog post.



"The Training Paid

Off" for These

called to conduct rescues both



the Greenwich YMCA on November 5, 2021. Chiappetta and Massam administered oxygen to the semi-conscious man, who was struggling to breath and barely had a pulse. The team simultaneously calmed the man's family until he was ready to be transported to the hospital by paramedics. While the victim was unable to attend the ceremony where Massam and Chiappetta were presented with the Lifesaving Award for Professional Responders, they feel the real reward is seeing him celebrate his 99th birthday. Get more details and see photos in this Facebook post. Lifesaving Swim

#### Masters swimming champion and coach Tim Waud was swimming in open water with his friend and fellow coach Jim

Coach: "I Will Never

Swim Alone Again" in the Cascades Region

until EMS arrived, restarted Teisher's heart and created an airway. By the time Teisher reached the hospital he was conscious and complaining of a



very sore chest. "I felt a wave of relief and emotion," said Waud, who was awarded the Certificate of Merit by the Red Cross for the June 2020 rescue and vows to never swim alone again. Hawkins was awarded the Certificate of Extraordinary Personal Action at the same ceremony. Waud shared his story and safety tips for open-water swimmers in this Facebook post. Instructor Spotlight Christie Merrill

#### trained in Adult and Pediatric First Aid/CPR/AED used her training to help save the life of a one-year girl who was turning blue from choking. The student administered back blows to dislodge the

Each month we highlight an instructor whose student used their lifesaving training to save or sustain a life. This

month we recognize Christie Merrill from the Northwest Region who was honored

January 5, 2022, a student whom Christie

in a ceremony on June 1, 2022. On

food item which she then carefully removed. Thanks to the student's quick response and Christie's instruction, the child was able to cough and breathe normally. Lifesaving Awards Vault From the vault of The Noblesville Ledger

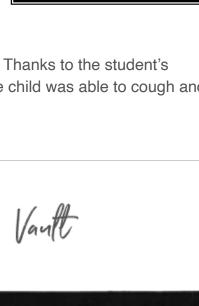
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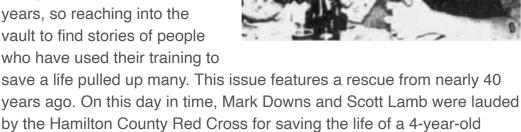
The Red Cross has been

safety for more than 100



Lifesaving Instructor Award

**Christie Merrill** 



Nominate. Recognize.

Indianapolis boy. While enjoying a day at Hillside Beach on August 13, 1983, they administered CPR on little David Lasley and successfully revived him. The youngster was present at the Red Cross dinner

### Saving Lives Starts Here If you or someone you know has used skills and knowledge learned in a

course.

ceremony recognizing Downs and Lamb.

Red Cross Training Services course to help save or sustain the life of another individual, visit LifesavingAwards.org to nominate them. Want to see if you have a local hero in your area? Log on or create an account to the Red Cross Volunteer Connection portal to see our interactive map. **Get Inspired!** The Red Cross has been the gold standard in lifesaving aquatic science, instruction, and certification since 1914. In fact, more than 320,000 lifeguards were certified through Red Cross training in 2021, helping to build confidence in the water, for life. Although it is peak season now,

pools look for lifeguards year-round. Consider joining this elite

profession, starting with taking a Red Cross Lifeguarding certification