

Lifesaving Awards



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Inspiring Stories by Region

Kindergarten Teacher Rescues Choking Student in Michigan Region

The Lake Fenton, Michigan Board of Education honored kindergarten teacher Carlee Ramirez as a hero for lifesaving actions in the classroom. When a 6-year old student started choking on a piece of candy, Ramirez jumped into action, performing 3-4 rounds of abdominal thrusts. “You know what to do, but then you don’t think you know what to do and then you just do it,” she said. For her actions, Carlee was awarded the Certificate of Extraordinary Personal Action. Get all the details about the incident and the touching award presentation in the Red Cross [blog post](#) and hear about the importance of taking action in the local news [video](#).



L to R: Charlie Rohan and her teacher Carlee Ramirez

Double Water Rescues Within Minutes in Texas Gulf Coast Region

A seemingly normal day was anything but when a Texas lifeguard saved two young patrons within minutes of each other. Within a 10-minute time span, Joshua Davis rescued a four-year old boy who had the wind knocked out of him while jumping into the water and a nine-year old girl who began to drown after diving into deep water. For his actions, Joshua received the Lifesaving Award for Professional Responders. This [blog post](#) from the Texas Gulf Coast region contains an insightful interview with the instructor, Emily Heinzman, who trained Joshua. We encourage you to read about this amazing double rescue!



L to R: Joshua Davis, his instructor Emily Heinzman and Charles K Blake, Jr. of the Red Cross

Rookie Officer Performs CPR to Save a Life in South Carolina Region

Mauldin Police Officer Zachery Neal was just six months on the job when he received a 911 call about someone in cardiac arrest. First on the scene, he performed CPR for 5 minutes until EMS arrived and took over. A week after responding, Officer Neal met the man he saved and said with a smile, “He was doing good. He had made a full recovery, he was healthy, he was happy. So my job was done.” The rookie officer was awarded the Certificate of Extraordinary Personal Action for his heroic response, which is captured in this humble [Facebook post](#) with a link to the heartwarming, in-depth TV news story.



Officer Zachery Neal (right) receives his award from the Red Cross.

Instructor Spotlight

Corbin Walburn

Each month we highlight Instructors whose student(s) used their lifesaving training to save or sustain a life. This month we recognize Instructor Corbin Walburn, a trooper with the Pennsylvania State Police, who trained student Josh Hoerner in CPR/AED for the Professional Rescuer with First Aid. Trooper Hoerner was on duty with the Pennsylvania State Police when he was called to the scene of an automobile accident where an 18-year old male was in cardiac arrest. Trooper Hoerner administered three cycles of CPR before EMS arrived. The victim was revived and transported to the hospital for further care. We thank Trooper Walburn for providing the quality training that enabled Trooper Hoerner to save a life.



Lifesaving Awards Vault

From the vault of the Sioux City Journal (Sioux City, Iowa), January 10, 1970

When a boat carrying eight people capsized on the Missouri River, five strangers came to the rescue. The four adults and four children on the powerboat were thrown overboard. Two of the children were caught under the overturned craft, requiring immediate CPR. When the survivors finally met some of their rescuers at the Red Cross Lifesaving Award ceremony, they thanked their heroes for the “miracle” of their two daughters’ lives, both of whom have fully recovered.



Two of the adults (right) rescued from their capsized boat meet four of the people who responded to the emergency, each holding a Red Cross Lifesaving Award.



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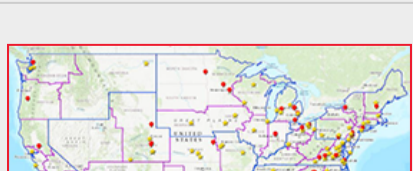


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Saving Lives Starts Here

If you or someone you know has used **skills** and **knowledge** learned in a Red Cross Training Services course to help save or sustain the life of another individual, visit [LifesavingAwards.org](https://www.AmericanRedCross.org/LifesavingAwards) to nominate them.

Want to see if you have a local hero in your area? Take a look at our [map](#).



Get Inspired!

Accidents and emergencies can happen anytime at home, in the workplace or in the community. Every second counts when a life-threatening emergency occurs, and it’s critical to know what to do in these situations. The Red Cross recommends [lifesaving training](#) in First Aid, CPR and how to use an AED for everyone. The new Until Help Arrives course from the Red Cross and the American College of Emergency Physicians teaches you how to assist in an emergency until professional help arrives. This 90-minute online course is now available for any non-certification needs – read about it and get started [here](#).