

Lifesaving Awards



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Inspiring Stories by Region

Fast-acting Red Cross Volunteer Saves Man's Life in the Greater New York Region

Magnolia Chiri Garcia has always enjoyed helping others. Trained in CPR at 14 years old, she is now an EMT certified in Red Cross Basic Life Support. She was at the doctor's office when alerted by an app that help was needed nearby for a man in cardiac arrest. Magnolia dashed to the location and performed CPR for

approximately five minutes before the police and EMS arrived. Thanks to Magnolia's quick actions, the man was transported to the hospital in stable condition. A recap of that day's remarkable events and photos from the Certificate of Merit ceremony can be found on the region's [Facebook page](#). In addition, we encourage you to watch this [video](#), taped for Red Cross Month. In it, at 12:19, Magnolia was recognized for her heroics.



Red Cross volunteer Magnolia Chiri Garcia (center) with members of the Red Cross – Greater New York and the Suffolk County Fire Rescue and Emergency Services.

Lifeguards Honored for Courageous Actions During Poolside Crisis in the Central and South Texas Region

Quick thinking and lifesaving skills truly make a difference in emergencies. Last year, lifeguard Edward Mendoza initiated an emergency action plan when a pool patron struggled to breathe and suddenly collapsed without a pulse. Head Lifeguard Victor Ibarra and his team acted swiftly. Victor located the woman's daughter, while pool attendant Alondra Barrios contacted EMS and notified the aquatics supervisor. The team closed the pool, evacuated patrons and began CPR. Victor and lifeguard Rodrigo Recio provided air ventilations; Edward began chest compressions, while lifeguards Michael Salado and Dominic Urquidi managed the bag-valve mask and AED. The team continued CPR until paramedics arrived and restored the woman's pulse. Photos from the Lifesaving Award for Professional Responders ceremony can be found on the region's [Facebook page](#). The Red Cross Instructor who trained this heroic lifesaving team was also recognized – read more below.



Six lifeguards from the El Paso Department of Parks and Recreation were awarded the Lifesaving Award for Professional Responders for putting their training into action.

Young Boy Works with 911 to Get His Mother Help in the Texas Gulf Coast Region

His mom thought she was just having indigestion but, in actuality, the signs pointed to a heart attack. Young Thadyn Eubank called 911, talked to the dispatcher and, without any panic or delay, answered the dispatcher's questions in order to get his mother the help she needed. Be inspired by the heartfelt [video](#) of the Certificate of Extraordinary Personal Action award presentation, including an emotional recollection by Thadyn's mother of this incident.



Thadyn Eubank (right) is presented with the Lifesaving Award by the local Red Cross and Fire Rescue.

Instructor Spotlight

Stacey Wright

Each month we highlight an Instructor whose student(s) have used their lifesaving training to save or sustain a life. This month we recognize Stacey Wright, who trained six individuals in a combination of Lifeguarding with CPR/AED for Professional Rescuers and First Aid, Adult and Pediatric First Aid/CPR/AED. This amazing example of team training in action can be found in the story above titled, "Lifeguards Honored for Courageous Actions During Poolside Crisis in the Central and South Texas Region." We extend our thanks to Stacey for providing the quality training that allowed her students to take action when moments mattered.



Lifesaving Awards Vault

From the vault of the Tucson Citizen (Tucson, Arizona), June 8, 1966

On this date in history, Willard Prior, a staff member of the Peace corps Training Center at the University of Arizona, was recognized for helping to save the lives of four people in the ocean water in Puerto Rico. Heavy currents had carried them into dangerous and deep water, and Prior was one of two people who came to their rescue.



Award For Lifesaving
—Citizen Prior



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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](#) to nominate them.

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