



# American Red Cross

## From Our Chapter

This month the NEGA Red Cross is celebrating "Red Cross Month." This year the theme is "Everyday Heroes." Each month we will "spotlight" one of our many Disaster Action Teams. The Fannin County DAT is this month's heroes. Congratulations for your dedication and compassion for the American Red Cross and the people we serve.

We would like to thank Amicalola EMC for a grant issued to the NEGA Chapter on Jan. 30, 2013.

## Special points of interest:

- Celebrating Red Cross Month
- Red Cross Day at Capitol
- Disaster Preparation Seminar
- Volunteer Connection Launched this Month
- ARC Board Member Recognized
- Become a Volunteer

## Our "Everyday Heroes" Fannin County

Some of the American Red Cross "everyday heroes" gather once a month, on a Monday, at their office located within the Fannin County Fire Department., in downtown Blue Ridge, to discuss ways to better serve the community. Meet the Fannin County DAT, Nick Wimberley, Captain; and Richard Crosley and Fred Cory, Co-Captains. Nick Wimberley has been active in the American Red Cross for 25 + years, and with the Boy Scouts of America for 40 + years. He is currently employed by the United States Department of Commerce, Bureau of the Census as a Field Representative.

In addition, Fred Cory has been a volunteer for the Red Cross for three years. He currently serves as Deputy Operations Chief of the Community Emergency Response Team (CERT), and Emergency Medical Care First Responder, Fannin County Fire Department. Cory stated, "We have close ties and strong relationships with Fannin County EMA and the Fire Department."

Fannin DAT is diverse, well trained, and actively involved in the community. There are 25 members on the team, including two medical responders, a firefighter, a grief counselor,

and two ham radio operators. Wimberley stated that they are usually the "persons you sometimes see arriving in the middle of the night to provide shelter, clothing, and food for victims of family fires." Fannin DAT is a strong group of volunteers who perform disaster services when called upon.

According to Mr. Wimberley, Fannin DAT has many stories to tell. For example, the United States Navy issued a Citation to Fannin DAT for services rendered during a Navy plane crash in April, 2010. Both Wimberley and Cory agree that the "best story is in the eyes of a family as they stand in the early morning hours watching their homes being destroyed by fire when Fannin DAT members arrive with a promise of a warm, safe place to sleep, fresh clothing, comfort kits, and provisions for food for a few days."

Our "Everyday Heroes," the Fannin County DAT of Blue Ridge, Georgia, respond to fires, disasters, and calls for help throughout Fannin County, Gilmer and Pickens Counties, Georgia, and Polk County, Tennessee, any time, day or night. Thank you, Heroes!



Photos submitted by the Fannin DAT. (left) Fannin DAT (right) Navy plane crash on April 13, 2010

## DID YOU KNOW...?



Clara Barton founded the American Red Cross in 1881, at age 60. Her understanding of the needs of people in distress and the ways in which she could provide help to them, guided her throughout life.

The Red Cross is part of the world's largest volunteer network found in 187 countries.

The Red Cross uses about 94 cents out of every dollar you donate goes to fulfill our humanitarian mission. Everything we do depends on the need of the people.

The American Red Cross is a charitable organization-not a government agency. Depending solely on the contributions from people like you!

## Celebrating National Red Cross Month

*"I request that during that month (March) our people rededicate themselves to the splendid aims and activities of the Red Cross."*

--President Franklin D. Roosevelt, first Presidential Proclamation of March as Red Cross Month, 1943

Since President Roosevelt proclaimed March as Red Cross Month, the Red Cross celebrates in high spirits. This year the Red Cross Month theme is "Everyday Heroes." The Red Cross

would like to celebrate and recognize the nation's Everyday Heroes who in some way help their community by giving of themselves.

How can you become an "Everyday Hero?" Well, as this month's theme suggests, the public can uncover their

inner hero by giving their time to help someone in need, make a financial or blood donation, or take a Red Cross class in First Aid and CPR.

From the NEGA Chapter, we say, Thank You for all that you do! Have a rewarding March!

## Red Cross Day at the Capitol

In celebration of National Red Cross Month, Red Cross staff from throughout Georgia will be visiting the Capitol on March 6th for Red Cross Day! All of the chapters throughout Georgia will

be visiting Senators and Representatives to educate them on the activities of the Georgia Red Cross. A coffee and biscuit breakfast is planned to start the day prior to the individual

meetings. This annual trip to the Capitol spotlights the importance of the local Red Cross presence throughout Georgia.



**American Red Cross**

**Red Cross Day at the Capitol**

Join us for Coffee & Biscuits with Georgia Red Cross Leadership

Save the Date: March 6, 2013 / 8:30-9:00 a.m.

Georgia State Capitol  
Room 216

To RSVP: [rsvpwent@arcatl.org](mailto:rsvpwent@arcatl.org) / For More Information: 404-575-3144  
March is Red Cross Month; Help Celebrate Our Everyday Heroes!

## Disaster Preparation Seminar Gets Positive Results

The small plane crash in 2010, near the church; and the snow/ice storm of 2011, prompted the residents of Nature’s Peace, in Forsyth County to be prepared for the next emergency.

On November 17, 2012, Reverend John Martin from the Deer Creek Shores Church hosted a Disaster Preparation Semi-

nar, given by Larry Tyson, Red Cross Emergency Services Program Manager, and Forsyth County Emergency Service Management.

Mr. Tyson said, “Homeowners in our area should be able to “shelter in place” for a minimum of 72 hours (3-days). Prepare a 3-day Emergency Supply Kit to sustain until

help arrives.

The results of the meeting were positive. Reverend John Martin from Deer Creek Shores Church announced plans for the church to become a 50-bed Red Cross Emergency Shelter when needed. In addition, the church will recruit and train potential volunteers who will act as emergency shelter staff.



November 17, 2012, Larry Tyson, Red Cross Emergency Service Program Manger

## Volunteer Connection launched in March

The American Red Cross will launch Volunteer Connection, our new volunteer management system. Volunteer Connection replaces DSHR, DROMIS, and DOOR systems. VC will transform the way you are connected to the Red Cross. Since Volunteer Connected began its quest in June, 2012, the progress has been an overwhelming success.

During Hurricane Sandy, Volunteer Connection helped to process more than 38,000 prospective volunteers, and approximately 14,000 volunteers are active.

With Volunteer Connection, you can:

### Manage your involvement

- ◆ Learn about and apply for volunteer opportunities that are available when you are

### Build your Red Cross Record

- ◆ Administer your own member profile
- ◆ Record your volunteer hours
- ◆ Register for chapter events and disaster response shifts

### Stay Informed when you

- ◆ Download important files and documents.
- ◆ Learn more about your chapter and region

Volunteer Connection was made possible through the generous support of W.W. Grainger, Inc. The Red Cross, our volunteers, and the community are thankful.

## Board Member Haydee Anderson named Woman of the Year

Congratulations to our own NEGA-ARC Board of Directors member, Haydee Anderson, for being named Women of the Year by the Rotary Club of Gainesville.

On Monday, February 11, 2013, the Rotary Club of Gainesville honored Ms. An-

derson with the Women of the Year Award for her achievements, leadership and service to the Gainesville and Hall County communities.

In addition to serving on the Board of Directors of the NEGA-ARC, Ms. Anderson

has served on the Boards of the Hall County Boys and Girls Club, Rape Response, Lanier Technical College, and Vision 2030. Ms. Anderson is Publisher of the newspaper MexicoLindo, the only Spanish language newspaper in Hall County.



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**Mission:**

The American Red Cross prevents and alleviates human suffering in the face of emergencies by mobilizing the power of volunteers and the generosity of donors.

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Blood donors needed —  
especially O neg and B neg.  
**Please give now.**



## Blood Donations

The need for blood is constant. We need your help and the help of thousands of blood and platelets donors. Please remember to donate blood and platelets. For more information regarding blood and platelet donations in your community call : **770-297-0929**, or visit :

**The Gainesville Donor Center  
311 Jesse Jewel Pkwy., SW  
Gainesville, GA 30501**

**New Hours**

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|--------------------------|-----------------|
| <b>Monday— Wednesday</b> | <b>12pm—7pm</b> |
| <b>Thursday</b>          | <b>Closed</b>   |
| <b>Friday</b>            | <b>8am—3pm</b>  |
| <b>Saturday</b>          | <b>7am—2pm</b>  |

Blood donors may call 1-800-Red Cross to make an appointment.

Platelet donors may call Regina Sinare at 770-297-0929. Visit:  
[www.redcrossblood.org/donating-blood/types-donation/platelet-donation](http://www.redcrossblood.org/donating-blood/types-donation/platelet-donation).

# Be part of the team.

## Get disaster relief training *before* the disaster.

Find out how at  
[www.negaredcross.org](http://www.negaredcross.org)



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