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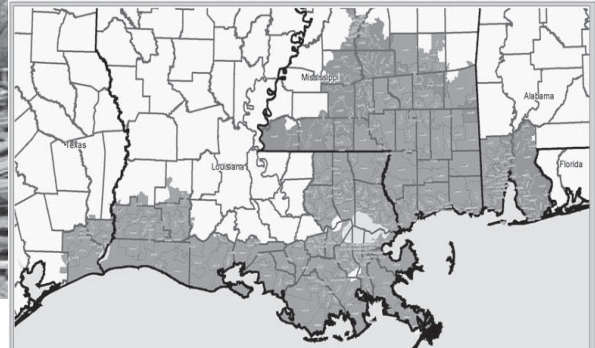
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+ CARING



= HOPE

RED CROSS RESPONSE TO HURRICANES KATRINA & RITA

As you know, the American Red Cross has played a key role in assisting over 1.2 million families affected by Hurricanes Katrina and Rita. Nearly 400,000 homes were completely destroyed and entire communities devastated. The Red Cross has provided meals, shelter, mental health services and financial assistance to these families at an estimated cost of \$2.1 billion.

The national Red Cross is supported by nearly 900 chapters, of which our local chapter is one of the larger, serving the residents of Middlesex, Mercer, Hunterdon, and parts of Somerset counties. During this disaster, the American Red Cross of Central New Jersey has drawn on our extensive expertise to train an additional 321 volunteers for the relief operation, of which 140 have been deployed to the Gulf Coast.

Members of our Disaster Family Services have helped the 175 families that arrived in our area after evacuating the Gulf Coast by providing housing and financial assistance along with other services.

OUR VOLUNTEERS MAKE A DIFFERENCE

Here are just a few of the many exceptional people from our chapter who stepped up to help those affected by Hurricanes Katrina and Rita.



Local Disaster Response

August 11 – November 7, 2005

- 16 Number of disaster responses (16 fires)
- 24 Number of families assisted
- 70 Number of people assisted with food, clothing and/or shelter (41 adults, 29 children)
- 100 Number of first responders provided with canteen services
- 28 Number of volunteers there to help

Free Assistance Provided: \$12,313

ANNUAL MEETING

October 6, 2005 - Edison Job Corps Choir opened this year's Annual Meeting with a beautiful version of *America the Beautiful*, which set the tone for an evening of welcoming and honors.



Incoming Chairman Bob Humes (left) thanks outgoing Chairman Bill Noonan for his outstanding years of service.



Board Member Ann VanLent with Chapter Award Winners Betty Blazer & Linda Luedeke.

Congratulations Chapter Award Winners!

Brad Caswell

Every Day Hero Award

Edison Job Corps

Outstanding Youth Involvement Award

Gene Huffmann

Distinguished Volunteer Services Award

William and Joan Schreyer

John Hibben Philanthropic Award

Betty Blazer and Linda Luedeke

Clara Barton Leadership Award

The Princeton Packet Inc.

Richard Mack Communications Award

Welcome to our new Board Members:

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ACTIVITIES THROUGHOUT CENTRAL NEW JERSEY



RED CROSS TRAINS 400 IN CPR AT RUTGERS STADIUM

On September 10th, 400 people took part in the largest CPR training session in NJ history. With the help of 65 Red Cross Volunteer Instructors from across the state, participants learned the needed skills on the field and viewed instruction on the big screen. Now there's 400 more that can help save a life in NJ!



RED CROSS CLUB TEACHES BUS SAFETY

Eight members of the Hightstown High School Red Cross Club developed an exceptional bus safety program for elementary students. Training in course instruction was provided to 62 Red Cross Club members who then taught the bus safety course in the 22 first grade classes within the four East Windsor elementary schools during Bus Safety Week in mid-October.



HARLEY-DAVIDSON BELIEVES IN SAFETY

Trenton World-Class Harley-Davidson purchased an automated external defibrillator (AED) for the dealership and received Red Cross combined CPR/AED training to teach their employees how to properly use this lifesaving equipment. Owner Harry Divins joked, "Just in case they need to bring me back someday."



Angela Dienhart Hancock

1,072 RANDOM BLOOD DONORS HELPED SAVE ANGELA'S LIFE

Angela Dienhart Hancock, a Princeton resident and mother of two young children, provided a very moving "thank you" to our most dedicated blood donors and blood drive sponsors during September's Heroes of the Heart Award Ceremony.

Angela was diagnosed with Acute Myelogenous Leukemia. This disease has few treatment options. Doctors searched relentlessly to find an individual blood donor match, but their efforts were in vain.

"I began to bleed internally, in my stomach, under my skin, behind my eyes. Blood transfusions were my lifeline. I had no red cells to carry oxygen, no white cells to protect me from infection and no platelets to stop me from bleeding to death," said Angela.

Every six hours, Angela received a platelet transfusion to keep from having a fatal brain hemorrhage. The 378 blood transfusions Angela received during her five months of treatment were composed of 1,072 donations of blood and platelets from many different donors.

Today, Angela is well and alive thanks to random blood donors. And her gratitude was warmly expressed at the award ceremony as she thanked those who most probably helped save her life. Holding back tears, Angela said, "I thank blood donors because you took the time and gave part of yourself to help me and others like me. For me, my family, and those countless others who have benefited from your kindness, I say, thank you."

MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

January

1/12/06

Ribbon Cutting Ceremony

American Red Cross - Hunterdon Branch

4:30 PM

Flemington

February

2/25/06

Red Cross Mardi Gras "Gala"

Tournament Players Club at Jasna Polana

6:30 PM - 11:30 PM

Princeton

June

6/5/06

Red Cross Golf Classic

The Ridge at Back Brook

Ringoes

Tee off: 11:00 AM

100 Players Maximum- Sponsorships available

For additional information about these events, contact
Valerie Mangrum at 609-951-8550 or visit www.njredcross.org

4th Annual Red Cross Million Dollar

Save a Life

Golf Classic

October 10, 2005

Stanton Ridge Golf & Country Club



The team from Economic Concepts Inc. of Annandale took first place. Pictured with board member Dan Prusinowski (far left) are three of the winning foursome: Scott Copper, Glenn Cocchiola, and Ken Westlin, along with our new Chairman of the Board Bob Humes (far right).

GIFTS THAT KEEP GIVING

If you find the ups and downs of the current financial markets unnerving—and most people do—take heart! You can create a steady, dependable stream of lifetime income (some of which may be tax-free) while helping to ensure the future of vital Red Cross programs and services through a Charitable Gift Annuity. Regardless of what is happening with the stock market or interest rates, your income payment never varies, and you'll receive a generous, immediate income tax deduction for the gift. The minimum age for an annuity is 65; the minimum amount is \$5,000. To learn if an American Red Cross Gift Annuity is right for you or someone close to you, or to explore other tax-saving giving options, please contact Jennifer Durrant, Development Administrator at 908-782-4121 or by e-mail: durrantj@njredcross.org.

WINTERIZE YOUR SAFETY PLANS

Be Ready for Rolling Blackouts

With the possibility of rolling blackouts on the horizon this winter, we encourage you to be ready to stay safe before and during any power outages:

Assemble Essential Supplies Ahead of Time

- Flashlight (remember, due to the extreme risk of fire, candles should not be used during a power outage).
- Portable radio
- Extra batteries for the flashlight and portable radio
- At least one gallon of water per person per day
- A small supply of food
- Keep your car fuel tank at least half full because gas stations rely on electricity to power their pumps.

Visit www.njredcross.org for additional Winter Safety Tips



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