

Welcome new volunteers!

1,200 new volunteers were processed at the VRC. From 1 pm-8pm on Tuesday, then 8am-8pm on Wednesday, over 1,200 new volunteers were processed at the VRC. community members to transform them into ready-to-work Red Cross up and running, and to work with the hordes of engaged and excited of disaster. Red Cross staff and volunteers worked hard to get the VRC developed to register, train, orient and schedule volunteers during times Born out the Capital Area Shelter Hub Plan (CASHP), the VRC was

Texas launched the first Volunteer Resource Center (VRC). The Northwest Recreation Center at 2913 Northland Drive in Austin was transformed from a neighborhood meeting place to a bustling hive of volunteerism, as the City of Austin and the American Red Cross of Central



VOLUNTEER RESOURCE CENTER OPENS

DATELINE: September 16, 1PM

VOLUNTEERS CAN NOW BE REGISTERED AND TRAINED FOR IMMEDIATE USE IN TIMES OF DISASTER

If you would like to become a volunteer, go online to [www.centex.redcross.org/volunteer](http://www.centex.redcross.org/volunteer) to learn more!

- Disaster Action Team (first response to disasters)
- Client Services Caseworker (casework for clients)
- Fundraising (help with generating funds for the chapter)
- Shelter Manager (management of a temporary shelter)
- Babysitting Instructor (skills for child care incl. infant CPR)
- Club Red (social networking group for 20-40 somethings)
- Volunteer Services (training and management of volunteers)

Here are just a few of the many volunteer opportunities:

And if there's any doubt that our volunteers DO make a difference, think of it this way—with less than 20 paid staff members, how could we be on call 24/7/365 to respond to a disaster every 48 hours; how could we assist an average of 3 military families every day; how could we open and staff emergency shelters during the recent hurricanes?

Talk to any member of our amazing corps of volunteers and they'll tell you the same thing: the hours can be long and the work grueling, but there's no better feeling than truly making a difference in Central Texas.

THE WIDE WORLD OF VOLUNTEER ROLES!

OUR NEW WEBSITE IS HERE!

Registering for a class, making a donation, getting the latest updates on our disaster response, and much more is now better than ever: [www.centex.redcross.org](http://www.centex.redcross.org)

THE LATEST FROM NATIONAL HQ:

[redcross.org](http://redcross.org) and the new Online Newsroom is your place for the latest blogs, videos, photos, and more.



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## DISASTER RESPONSE ROUND UP

### September

#### Hurricane Ike - Austin

hundreds of volunteers and staff  
22 shelters; over 6,000 evacuees and their pets  
44 pallets of bottled water cases  
5,599 snacks and 3,938 meals

#### Hurricane Gustav - Austin

75 volunteers and 12 staff members  
3 shelters; 500 evacuees and their pets  
1,525 snacks and 1,276 meals

### August

#### Florence Range Fire

17 volunteers

#### Stairtown natural gas refinery pipeline explosion

Volunteers provided water and snacks

### July

#### Retreat at Barton Creek Apartments; Hunter's Chase Apartments; Vista Ridge Apartments (2 fires); Willow Wood Apartments; Shoal Creek Condos

more than 90 people displaced  
more than \$60,000 in RC resources spent

## DEAR NEIGHBORS,

Texas has experienced more than its fair share of disasters this year. Beginning in July, Travis and Williamson counties were ravaged by a series of apartment fires (6 in an 8-day period!); a range fire swept through Florence, Texas; and then there were Hurricanes Gustav and Ike. It goes without saying that we all know the devastation they wrought.

Throughout it all, the American Red Cross of Central Texas was there. Normally I would recap all the events for you, but I'm going to let our *Disaster Response Round Up* and the *Creative Fundraisers* sections tell the story.

We thank you for your continued support. It is you, with your dollars and your time, that make the difference so we can in turn make a difference in Central Texas.

Sincerely yours,  
Derrick Chubbs, CEO



## THE AMERICAN RED CROSS OF CENTRAL TEXAS

YOU ANSWERED THE CALL TO HELP

### BY THE COMMUNITY ■ IN THE COMMUNITY

#### HEALTH AND WELLNESS

"We have to help the Red Cross—today!" So said Dr. Harry Schultze, D.C. of the Austin Chiropractic Health Center. From August 11-15, the ACHC raised \$725 from donations from new patient services! Visit the ACHC at (512) 252-3030 or [www.docharry.com](http://www.docharry.com).

#### YOUTH CONCERT

Kaycie Satterfield, with assistance from her mom, Glenda, organized Rock Out For Red Cross, a youth concert to benefit the American Red Cross of Central Texas. On August 17, the Hill Country Galleria Amphitheater rocked out with Feeding 5000, Balance Act, Carson Brock Group, DD Dagger, and more. Kaycie raised over \$3,000 and is currently planning the next one! <http://www.myspace.com/rockoutforredcross>

#### ONE MAN'S TRASH...

The 4-H Veterinary Science Club of Bastrop got motivated to help with a simple idea—a garage sale! Anne Layton organized the event, hosted at the Tractor Supply in Bastrop on August 2. They raised over \$300!

#### CAN YOU HELP SUPPORT THE RED CROSS WITH YOUR CREATIVE IDEAS?

Contact Sinclair Fleetwood at 512-929-1251 or [sfleetwood@centex.redcross.org](mailto:sfleetwood@centex.redcross.org).



### CREATIVE FUNDRAISERS

All it takes is an idea! St. Thomas Moore Catholic Church raised over \$500 in collection plates in one Sunday. KEYE-TV (CBS) hosted a phone bank for the Red Cross on September 16 & 17, raising over \$9,000! AWTAustin highlighted our efforts at their monthly meeting and accepted donations. Macy's at Lakeline Mall set up a Red Cross donation booth during Shop For a Cause and it raised over \$1,000! Residents of Scofield Farms hosted a Community Garage Sale on September 27 to get involved.



#### DONATION BOXES FOR THE RED CROSS

Begins September 18, 2008  
Lakeline Mall, Barton Creek Mall, The Domain  
Thanks to Simon Property Group!

#### HURRICANE IKE BENEFIT CONCERT

September 29, 2008  
Hill's Cafe, Austin  
Presented by Gypsy Lullabi

#### PROFESSIONAL WRESTLING EVENT

October 31, 2008  
Academy of Pro Wrestling  
1500 S. Pleasant Valley  
Call 590-3699 for more info

#### BREAK DANCING

October 4, 7pm to midnight  
Gallery Lombardi  
Presented by lotuzism.com

## HEROES

The Heroes of Central Texas Celebration is an opportunity for the American Red Cross of Central Texas and our community partners to formally honor and recognize the selfless deeds of our friends and neighbors.

The Celebration will be held at the end of March, with individual tickets, tables and sponsorships available. We'll keep you updated on all the latest and greatest about this fun event. Join us and celebrate the heroes in your life!



## NOMINATE THE HEROES IN YOUR LIFE

THE HEROES OF CENTRAL TEXAS CELEBRATION recognizes and celebrates the heroes in the community who have made a difference in the lives of fellow citizens.

#### NOMINATION SUGGESTIONS:

- Exemplary citizens who have made Central Texas a better place to live
- Citizens who have engineered a rescue or act of extraordinary kindness or courage
- Youths who have committed extraordinary good deeds
- Animals who have protected or supported a human or rescued a human or animal
- Citizens who have created projects or ongoing efforts to directly benefit the community
- Citizens who have done something truly remarkable or noteworthy
- Members of the Armed Services who deserve recognition
- Make up your own category!

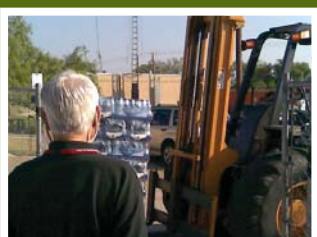
#### DETAILS:

All nominees must live or work in the American Red Cross of Central Texas' 9-county jurisdiction of Bastrop, Burnet, Caldwell, Hays, Lee, Llano, Milam, Travis and Williamson counties. The act for which you are nominating must have occurred between January 1, 2008 and January 31, 2008. Start sending nominees now!

#### HOW TO NOMINATE:

These heroes are nominated by YOU. Email us at [heroes@centex.redcross.org](mailto:heroes@centex.redcross.org): Name of nominee, their address, phone and email; nominator's phone, email and address; tell us the story of the nominee's deed; include pictures and/or links to news stories detailing the act.

## MAKE A DIFFERENCE



Volunteers distribute water into transport vehicles after Huerst Equipment and Rental donated a forklift and driver during Hurricane Ike response efforts.

## WHO IS THE HERO IN YOUR LIFE?

YOU HELP US MAKE A DIFFERENCE IT ALL STARTS WITH AN IDEA