

TRAINED. EMPOWERED. PREPARED.

WE ARE THE RED CROSS LIFESAVING SKILLS

Whether you work with children, want training for a new or existing job, are a professional rescuer or simply want to know how to help someone in an emergency, we can help you build the skills you need to save a life. Our classes for students of all ages keep people safe at home, at school and in the workplace by teaching them not only how to respond to emergencies, but also how to prevent them. We can also train you and your co-workers at your site or train you to become a certified instructor.

Consider a sampling of classes. Wouldn't you feel safer knowing you or someone close to you had these skills?

- Standard First Aid with CPR-Adult, Child and Infant
- Administering Emergency Oxygen
- Lifeguarding
- Babysitter's Training
- Client Casework: Providing Emergency Assistance
- Coping with Deployments: Psychological First Aid for Military Families
- Mass Casualty Disasters

Remember, the life you save could be a loved one's. You can register online at any time. 2009 courses are now available for registration!

12,204 TRAINED IN 2008!

INTERNATIONAL SERVICES

The American Red Cross of Central Texas helps Central Texans restore family links abroad and trace lost family members.

In collaboration with the International Committee of the Red Cross and more than 180 national societies, the American Red Cross works to locate loved ones who are missing due to war, natural disaster, or civil unrest and sends Red Cross messages between separated family members.

In collaboration with The Holocaust and War Victims Tracing Center, we assist persons seeking the fates of loved ones missing since the Holocaust and its aftermath. Cases remain open, and if new information becomes available, it is immediately shared with the inquirer.



7 CASES OPENED AND 39 SERVICES PROVIDED
INCLUDING 3 HOLOCAUST TRACING CASES

RESTORING FAMILY CONNECTIONS

LIFESAVING GIFTS



Consider giving a lifesaving gift this year. Sound hard? It's not! Purchase a first aid kit for a loved one!

Visit our online store as your one-stop shop for all things American Red Cross of Central Texas!



American Red Cross

of Central Texas

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P.S. March is Red Cross Month, and we've got an entire month of fun and fantastic events planned. Go online and look for Events/March is Red Cross Month to learn more!



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Let's make a difference together

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HAPPY NEW YEAR!



YOUR AMERICAN RED CROSS OF CENTRAL TEXAS



VOLUNTEER SERVICES



DEVELOPMENT & COMMUNICATIONS



EDUCATION & TRAINING

Not Pictured: EMERGENCY SERVICES, because they were out responding to emergencies!

DEAR NEIGHBORS,

As we begin to close the books on 2008 and look toward what we hope to be a bright future in 2009, we must say thank you to YOU, our supporters, friends and partners.

YOU have made the difference between being available to assist any way Central Texans need us on a 24/7/365 basis, whether it be with an open shelter in a storm and a hot meal served by a dedicated volunteer; to a comfort kit given to a family that has lost their belongings in a house fire; to a Saturday CPR class that can save a loved one's life; to an emergency communication about the birth of a new baby to a family member serving in the armed forces; to a communication sent to a missing relative in a refugee camp in a war-torn country by a family member coming to the Central Texas chapter for help.

We like to think that Central Texas is better for having us in it; we know that our chapter is better because of you!

Sincerely yours, Derrick Chubbs, CEO



THE AMERICAN RED CROSS OF CENTRAL TEXAS

SAVING LIVES - EASING SUFFERING

WE ARE THE RED CROSS ■ EMERGENCY SERVICES

The mission of Emergency Services at The American Red Cross of Central Texas is to ensure disaster planning, preparedness, community disaster education, mitigation and response. The American Red Cross of Central Texas responds to disasters such as house and apartment fires, floods, tornadoes, hurricanes or other situations that cause human suffering or create human needs that those affected cannot alleviate without assistance.

With a dedicated staff and a core group of Disaster Action Team (DAT) volunteers, disaster mental health volunteers, family service caseworkers, shelter managers and shelter workers, bilingual communicators, public information officers, records and reports volunteers and Emergency Response Vehicle (ERV) drivers, Emergency Services is on call 24/7/365 anywhere Central Texans need help. We provide services such as food, clothing, shelter/temporary housing, bedding/linens, replacement of prescription medicines and essential health supplies, plus disaster health services, mental health counseling, and referrals.

Consider how you can get involved: get informed; make a disaster plan yourself (check out Preparedness Tips online); get your family prepared; keep your plan up-to-date; become a volunteer; donate.



7,637 MEALS AND 10,724 SNACKS
OVER 6,800 SHELTERED
OVER 150 DISASTERS RESPONDED TO
OVER 1,500 VOLUNTEERS TRAINED

RESTORING HOPE - 24/7/365

WE ARE THE RED CROSS ■ SERVICE TO THE ARMED FORCES



VOLUNTEER PAUL WILLIAMS



STAFF MEMBER MICHAEL CHAISSON

691 CASES OPENED TO AID MEMBERS OF THE ARMED FORCES AND THEIR FAMILIES
1,794 SERVICES PROVIDED
12,000 HOLIDAY MAIL FOR HEROES CARDS PROCESSED

American Red Cross of Central Texas paid and volunteer staff provide emergency-related services to members of the U.S. armed forces, veterans, their families and civilians. Our services include:

Emergency Communications
When a death, serious illness, birth of a child or another critical event makes communication urgent, we can help get an emergency message to a family member in the military. The information provided aids military authorities in processing emergency leave and extension requests for the service member.

Counseling
Personal and family counseling and referrals for non-crisis situations are available.

Disaster Preparedness Education
A variety of disaster education materials are available to help service members and their families better prepare for emergencies.

Financial Aid/General
Service members and their families can experience unique financial problems. These may include a delayed pay allotment, financial neglect of family members or emergency travel expenses. The American Red Cross of Central Texas helps to resolve these problems through referrals to appropriate resources and coordinating loans from military aid societies.

MORE THAN

DISASTER RESPONSE

WHO IS THE HERO IN YOUR LIFE?