

Why should I volunteer?

Help Your Community

The American Red Cross is led by people like you who want to give back to their community. The very foundation of the Red Cross is its volunteer work force. We rely on people like you to help us meet the needs of the communities we serve. Today, more than 1.2 million people volunteer with the Red Cross nationwide.

You can volunteer for a day, week, month or as many hours as you can afford to give!

If you want to have new experiences, make new friends, learn new skills, work flexible hours -- or you just have the desire to help in your community -- volunteering with American Red Cross is for you!

One in every 200 Americans is a Red Cross volunteer.

Volunteers at the American Red Cross share these common characteristics:

- They have a willingness to serve.
- They enjoy helping others.
- They are committed to servicing the needs of the community.

If this describes you, and you would like to learn more about joining our team of American Red Cross volunteers, please read about the volunteer opportunities and contact us at the numbers located on the back of this brochure.

For more information on how you can volunteer with American Red Cross Blood Services, call Volunteer Services at (260) 480-8218 or 1-800-860-8611, ext. 218.

For more information on how you can volunteer with other American Red Cross services, call Emergency Services at (260) 484-9336, ext. 205 or 1-800-513-2599, ext. 205.



American Red Cross

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There is a place
where we look out
for each other.



That place is
called America.

When you help the
American Red Cross,
you help America.
Volunteer.



Everyone can volunteer,

Especially you!

There is a place where a person who doesn't look like you, talk like you or dress like you will stretch out their hand and put it across your shoulders and say... "Everything is going to be okay."

American Red Cross volunteers come from all walks of life. Whether you are an adult, a student, a teenager or a retiree, you can help the American Red Cross live our mission each day by providing critical programs that meet a variety of community needs.

By becoming a Red Cross volunteer, you become a member of the largest humanitarian organization in the world.

Ways you can help

It's easy to become a Red Cross volunteer, and we will work with you to find the time most convenient for you to make your contribution in the area that best suits your skills. If necessary, we will also provide the training you need to perform your volunteer function effectively.

One Fundamental Principle of the American Red Cross ...Voluntary Spirit

Volunteer opportunities:

Blood Services

As a volunteer, your efforts form the backbone of the American Red Cross. By becoming a volunteer with American Red Cross Blood Services, you become part of a dedicated team of volunteers, blood donors and paid staff who help provide patients in need with this lifesaving gift of blood. No matter what role you play, you will be helping make a difference in people's lives. Won't you help us give the gift of life?

Blood Services

As a volunteer, you can assist at a blood drive or collection site. Volunteers:

- Assist at reception, where donors sign in when they arrive.
- Work with other Red Cross volunteers to help ensure that each donor has a safe and positive experience.
- Serve refreshments in canteen and make sure donors are comfortable.
- Transport blood products, supplies and donors.

Administrative Support

Volunteers are also needed to:

- Assist with administrative and clerical duties.
- Coordinate volunteer coverage.
- Aid with computer-based documentation, mailings, etc.
- Help with special events.

Donate Blood

All of our blood donors are dedicated volunteers who make sure blood is available for patients in need.

Volunteer opportunities:

Other Services

Disaster Services

Volunteers perform a variety of roles during disaster response. All disaster volunteer training is free-of-charge. As a volunteer you could:

- Serve on the Single Family Disaster team as an on-call caseworker for victims of house fires and other natural and man-made disasters.
- Serve on the Disaster Action Team to respond to large disasters such as floods and tornados that displace large numbers of people.
- Serve as a Health Services volunteer on local and national disasters if you are a nurse or medical professional.
- Serve on the Disaster Mental Health team for our chapter and on national disasters if you are a mental health professional.

Armed Forces Emergency Services

Volunteers provide the emergency communication link between military personnel and their families.

Health & Safety Services

Volunteers teach individuals a variety of skills, including babysitting training, pet first aid, and automated external defibrillator (AED), first aid and CPR.

Translation Services

Volunteers translate or interpret for our Multicultural Information Exchange (MIX) Program. All languages are needed. Most document translations can be done in your home.