



American Red Cross

Report to Our Community

The American Red Cross, a humanitarian organization led by volunteers, guided by its Congressional Charter and the Fundamental Principles of the International Red Cross Movement, will provide relief to victims of disasters and help people prevent, prepare for and respond to emergencies.

Your American Red Cross is here in your community 24 hours a day – 7 days a week. Last year **364 local volunteers**, 97% of the Chapter's workforce, joined staff to meet the needs of local residents. These needs ranged from suffering the devastation of a home fire, to sharing emergency communications with military family members, learning a life saving skill or how to prevent and prepare for a pandemic flu.

During the timeframe of July 1, 2008 through June 30, 2009 the Chapter -

- Responded to **161** local disasters; largely residential fires affecting **207** families/**700 (261 were children)** local residents; spending **\$116,213** on emergency food, clothing and shelter for local disaster victims.
- The Chapter provided Disaster Preparedness Education to **32,302** residents.
- From first aid, CPR, and AED training to swimming and lifeguarding, American Red Cross programs help people lead safer and healthier lives. Some **11,353** individuals learned lifesaving skills through classes offered by the chapter.
- The Red Cross provides communication between those in the Armed Forces and their families. The Chapter provided **319** emergency connections for military families. Provided outreach services to an additional **361** military personnel.
- Every two seconds, someone in the United States needs blood. Over the last year, local blood drives collected **13,303** units of blood.
- 2008 was the **20th** year the Chapter has provided Christmas Day dinner to approximately **4,000** residents who would otherwise be without food and/or fellowship on that day.
- The Chapter, covering Georgetown, Horry and Williamsburg counties, provides an annual Christmas toy giveaway for children who lost their homes due to disaster. Last year **215** local children received gifts.

You, too, can help when disaster strikes by becoming a Hero for the ARC. Make a difference in someone's life. Contact the Coastal South Carolina Chapter and join the Heroes Campaign today.

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