



Notable Red Cross Information

About the Red Cross

- **Red Cross Mission:** The American Red Cross prevents and alleviates human suffering in the face of emergencies by mobilizing the power of volunteers and the generosity of donors.
- **5 Lines of Service:**
 - Biomedical Services: Collect and distribute blood and blood products for patients in need
 - Disaster Cycle Services: Respond to natural disasters (including home fires) and help to meet the immediate disaster-caused needs of individuals, families, and communities.
 - Training Services: Provide lifesaving training including First Aid, CPR, Lifeguarding Water Safety, and more.
 - International Services: Work with other Red Cross societies to provide humanitarian aid across the globe
 - Service to the Armed Forces: Provide a variety of service to military, veterans, and their family members

Statistics & Facts

Biomedical Services:

- Human blood can't be manufactured in a lab so we rely on the generosity of donors to keep the blood supply steady for patients in need.
- The need for blood is constant. Every two seconds, someone in the U.S. needs blood.
- The Red Cross collects 40% of the nation's blood supply and distributes to over 3,000 hospitals and cancer treatment centers across the country.
- Each day, the Red Cross hosts approximately 500 blood drives to help ensure blood products are available whenever and wherever they are needed

Disaster Cycle Services:

- The Red Cross responds to a disaster in the United States every 8 minutes
- We respond to an average of about 65,000 disasters every year
- 95% of our disaster relief workers are volunteers
- The vast majority of disasters we respond to are home fires

Training Services:

- 70% of all cardiac arrests happen in the home. It's critical for people to know what to do until medical help arrives.
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International Services:

- The global Red Cross and Red Crescent network provides relief and hope to about 1 in 65 people around the world each year.
- The American Red Cross helps eliminate measles and rubella worldwide and reunite families separated by international crises.

Service to the Armed Forces:

- The Red Cross has been serving the military for more than 140 years and has deployed alongside military in every U.S. conflict since the Spanish-American War.
- Each year, the Red Cross provides more than 540,000 services to service members, veterans and their families by leveraging our worldwide network of volunteers.
- The Red Cross provides in-person support for troops on all military installations in the U.S. and on more than 35 overseas installations including the Far East, Middle East and Europe.