



**American  
Red Cross**  
Madison County

# COUNTY CONNECTION

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*By contributing generous financial donations and investing your time through our volunteer opportunities, you become a partner in this life-saving work. By turning your compassion into action these services are made possible.*

## Message from *Diane*



Hello. I would like to introduce myself. My name is Diane Ulrich, and I am the new Executive Director of the American Red Cross in Madison County.

I am excited to be a part of such a committed and caring organization.

Some of my goals for the upcoming months are to expand our health and safety classes, to educate the public on the importance of blood donations and to help the public be more prepared in times of disaster. Right now we are in the middle of transition as Nicole King and Scott Tostevin, our AmeriCorps members complete their time and our new AmeriCorps members begin their terms. We wish Scott and Nicole all the best.

*Diane Ulrich*

Diane Ulrich  
Executive Director

## Blood donors are still needed

Blood donors are vitally important to the American Red Cross. Donors of all blood types are needed; however, current levels of type O blood are a cause for concern. Type O- negative blood is the universal blood cell and can generally be given to patients of any blood type. O- negative blood is used frequently to treat premature babies and trauma victims. 75% of the blood used at Nationwide Children's Hospital is

O-negative. The Red Cross urges type O donors to give their unique gift now. The hour of time it takes to donate blood could mean a lifetime for a patient in need.

To schedule your appointment to give the Gift of Life, please call 1-800-GIVE LIFE. Donors must be at least 17 years old, weigh a minimum of 110 lbs. and be in good health. Please make your appointment today!

## Welcome new AmeriCorps member

Hello, my name is Jarrod Miller and I am the new AmeriCorps Member in the Madison County Red Cross Branch, where I will focus on Community Disaster Education.

My goals for the next year include: complete my First Aid, CPR and AED teaching certification, begin certifying others in the vital lifesaving skills, increase the number of free

disaster preparedness presentations and citizens reached, and seek new community partners and events for the Madison County Branch to work with. I am excited at the opportunity to employ the skills and knowledge set gained during my Capital University Education. It is my sincere hope to continue our successful programs and partnerships while reaching out to new opportunities.

## Hello/Goodbye

Hello everyone, actually, I should say goodbye. I want to thank all the people I have worked with in the past two wonderful years. My last day was September 3rd. I'm thankful for the AmeriCorps experience, the contacts I've made, the training and the people I have educated as well. Through my service years I have certified 300+ people in Adult, Child and Infant Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation and Automated External Defibrillator, Standard First Aid, Babysitting, Sports Safety Training and Blood borne Pathogens. Many more have attended presentations such as: Together We Prepare, Be Red Cross Ready, Pandemic Flu and puppet shows. I have grown a lot through AmeriCorps and hope to take the skills I have attained and more forward. In many ways, it saddens me to know my service with AmeriCorps is over. I hope to work with many of you in future endeavors. Thanks for all of the support during my term!

Respectfully yours,  
Nicole M. King



We are already accepting nominations for Hometown Heroes. If you know of anyone you wish to nominate let us know or visit [columbus.redcross.org](http://columbus.redcross.org), select Madison County and download a nomination form. The event will be held May 14th, 2009!



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# MISSION

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The American Red Cross, a humanitarian organization led by volunteers and 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.



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## Upcoming Events & Classes

For information on any of the programs listed below, please contact your American Red Cross in Madison County at 740.845.9939.

Class/Event	Date	Time	Location	Cost
Blood Drive	Nov 1	9A - 3P	Haven Fellowship	
Blood Drive	Nov 18	8A - 2P	Madison Plains High School	
Blood Drive	Nov 18	9A - 4P	London Correctional Institute	
Blood Drive	Nov 28	8A - 2P	London High School	
Disaster Preparedness Program	Upon Request	Any time	20 minute program available to all groups	No Charge

### FREE Be Red Cross Ready Presentation.

Can you guess what the most common disaster in the United States is? The answer is home fires. **Are you ready?** Do you have an exit plan?

**We can help you say...YES!** For more information call 740.845.9939

**GET A KIT. MAKE A PLAN. BE INFORMED.**



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