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Red Cross is crucial link for military families

Central Ohio service men and women, stationed at home and abroad, are trained to respond in crisis situations. Their families, however, remain here at home to deal with the normal stress of everyday life on their own. When more serious situations arise, like medical emergencies, financial crisis and deaths, families need their loved ones home more than ever; that is when the American Red Cross can help.

The Red Cross Service to Military Families dates back to the beginning of the Red Cross. In addition to bringing aid to wounded during wartime, the Red Cross was chartered by Congress in 1900 to facilitate communication between soldiers and their families.

Fortunately for Lauren, this service continues today. Just hours after Lauren contacted the Red Cross, her brother Paul, serving with the U.S. Army in Afghanistan, was on his way to Columbus where their father was dying of cancer. "Having Paul home meant everything to us," said Lauren. "The Red Cross really does unite families when they need it most."



Only families with loved ones serving in the military can fully understand the great sacrifices required of them. With your help, we will continue to help ease the burden for military families and their loved ones during times of family crisis.

Volunteer proud to be a part of the Red Cross

When Red Cross volunteer Linda Robinson arrived at the scene of a home fire in February, she found the resident completely distraught. "She needed moral support to come to grips with what she had lost. She held my hand the entire time I was there," Linda explained. Red Cross volunteers meet disaster victims when they are at their most vulnerable. Many escaped their burning home with only the clothes on their back. "When I told her that the Red Cross could help with clothes, food and



a safe place to stay, the tears just began flowing", Linda said. "I have never been more proud to be part of an organization that helps people when they need it most."

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Your Red Cross IMPACT

07/01/07-03/31/09

Medical trips for seniors..... **13,827**Families assisted after fires..... **418**Financial assistance provided to
disaster victims..... **\$210,743**Individuals trained in CPR/First Aid ..
..... **15,639**Emergency messages conveyed on
behalf of military families..... **429****Disaster Relief & Preparedness****Service to Military Families****International Tracing Services****CPR & First Aid Training • First Aid Services Team****Water Safety Instruction • Blood Services****Community Transportation**

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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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An estimated 166,200 people die from sudden cardiac arrest each year in the United States.

CPR can double or triple a person's chance of survival.



Sign up for a CPR class today!

Would you do it if you knew it would save the life of someone you loved?

For class schedules and online registration, visit columbus.redcross.org.

Message from those **YOU** help

"My Mom wouldn't make it to her doctor's appointments without the Red Cross."

-Tracy Sharp, Columbus



When a parent can no longer drive and their children work or live far away, many local families turn to the American Red Cross Community Transportation Program to get them to medical appointments. Nearly 600 local residents remain independent, living in their own homes because of this service. While residents can pay; most transportation is free, thanks to financial donations from the caring community and the United Way.

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