

# Red Cross Volunteer Newsletter



Gloucester County Chapter

## YEAR END WRAP UP

As you know, one of the big events during 2003 was the donation of over \$10,000 by The WaWa Corporation, which allowed Disaster Services to purchase a new trailer to store cots. With this trailer we are ready to open and provide shelter to over 100 people in the case of a major disaster.

Our long time Executive Director, Ruth McGrath, has retired. In the interium, Lin Eastlack, former Board member and past Director of the Westville Public Library is acting Executive Director. Everyone is welcome to stop in and meet Lin or call her at 856-845-8500 ext. 18. The Board of Directors is in the process of searching for a permanent Executive Director.

Blood Services has provided over 10,000 pints of blood to the hospitals in the Gloucester County area.

Health & Safety Services has trained and awarded over 5,000 certification cards in Water Safety, CPR/First Aid/AED, Pet First Aid and Babysitting.

### Coming Events

#### *December 15, 2003*

Wine & Cheese & More  
6 - 9 pm  
Auletto=s  
Tickets - \$30.00

#### *February 22, 2004*

Hidden Treasures  
Appraisal Brunch  
Woodbury County Club  
11 am - 3 pm  
Tickets - \$25.00

### *March is Red Cross Month*

There will be several places where you will be able to sign up as a volunteer. Look around your neighborhood for the Red Cross Recruitment banner.

### Hours of Operation

The American Red Cross, Gloucester County Chapter at 112 N. Broad Street in Woodbury is open Monday through Friday from 9:00 a.m to 4 p.m. Exceptions are:

Martin Luther King Day,  
President=s Day,  
Good Friday,  
Memorial Day,  
Independence Day,  
Labor Day,  
Columbus Day,  
Election Day,  
Veteran=s Day,  
Thanksgiving,  
Day after Thanksgiving,  
Christmas Day.

Please stop by any time to find out about our varied volunteer opportunities.

New Year=s Day,

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### How to Help

#### *Disaster Services*

Join our Emergency Services Team

#### *Armed Forces Emergency Services*

Become a Caseworker

#### **2002 - 2003 Volunteer Award Winners**

Disaster Services - Bill Hensinger  
AFES - The Ballistreri Family  
Blood Services - Anne Henry  
Clinic Drivers - Charles Rust  
Blood Transport Drivers - E. Jones  
Youth Services - Samantha Giusti  
Health & Safety - Barry Fell  
Clerical - Bob Stahl & Joan Quinlan

#### **Disaster Services**

Disaster Services - Lynn Silverstein is planning a course on Mass Care and Sheltering in January. If you have taken Introduction to Disaster and would like additional training as a shelter worker, please call Lynn at 856-845-8500 ext 11.

#### **HEALTH AND SAFETY SERVICES CLASSES & MORE**

On January 3 & 4, 2004 Health and Safety Services is holding a Babysitter Training Course at the Gloucester County Library, Wolfert Station Rd &

#### *Health & Safety Services*

Become a Health & Safety Instructor

#### *Blood Services*

Become a Bloodmobile Assistant

Blood Transport Driver

#### *Other areas where you can*

Rt. 45 in Mullica Hill. The course is approximately 6 hours (students may bring a light snack). Charge for the course is \$35.00 and includes a textbook, and tote bag including first aid and safety items. Each participant will receive a certification card upon successful completion of the course. Please call Alice Went-Sagett at 856-845-8500 ext 19 to sign up for the course.

Sometime in late January or early February there will be a Babysitting Instructor Course. This course is teaching you to teach the Babysitting course. If you are interested please call Alice at the above number to sign up.

For those of you who have pets, The Pet First Aid class is a natural fit. For more information about Pet First Aid, please call the Chapter.

#### *help*

Clinic Driver

Fundraising

Special Events

Clerical office duties

#### **ORIENTATIONS**

You may be unsure of where you would fit into the Red Cross scheme of things. If so, please attend the volunteer orientation on Thursday, January 8, 2004 at 7:00 p.m. It will give you an overview of the services the Red Cross has to offer, please call June Arnold at 856-845-8500 ext 15. Orientations are for new volunteers or volunteers who might want to expand on what they are already doing.

#### **OUR WEB SITE**

Since its inception in May 2003, our website has received 68,568 hits for an average of 243 hits per day. Have you had the opportunity to visit our web site? The address is: [www.arcgloucesterco.org](http://www.arcgloucesterco.org). You can get the latest information concerning Health and Safety Classes, Blood Drives, Special Events and there's even a Chapter Store.

#### **NEW VOLUNTEER**

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### **HELP WANTED**

needed. If interested please call  
June at 845-8500 ext. 15

**C.P.R. and First Aid certified instructors** are needed for daytime classes. One per month would be a help. Call Alice at 845-8500 ext. 19.

**Blood Service Volunteers** and **Blood Transport volunteers** are

Remember....

*Together we can save a life!*

Wishing you a Happy  
Healthy Holiday

