

American Red Cross Volunteer Newsletter

Gloucester County Chapter

Gloucester County Chapter's New Home Grand Opening June 16, 2005

The American Red Cross, Gloucester County Chapter is realizing a dream come true! Through many years of diligent stewardship and careful planning we were finally able to begin construction. Now, we are pleased to announce that the grand opening of our new Chapter House in Sewell will be on June 16, 2005.

Marsha Evans, President and CEO of the National Red Cross will be our guest of honor for the opening. There will be a dedication of our new flag pole which was generously donated by the Chapter Youth Council.

We are also excited about the many features our new building offers. There will be a lot more space to host Disaster, Health and Safety and Volunteer training sessions and meetings, there are additional offices and even a Volunteer and Youth Council office. Outside there is a Donor Dedication Walkway. Walkway bricks are inscribed with the names of contributors. For a donation of \$125, you too can have your name on our walkway. The walkway is part of the Capital Campaign that is assisting us financially to obtain our new Chapter House. For more information please visit our website www.arcgloucesterco.org or call the office.

Helen Hippler has graciously created a painting of the American Red Cross services to be displayed. Donor plaques will be throughout the building that can be purchased. For information about donations to our new facility, please call Laura Steinmetz, Executive Director, at 856-845-8500 ext. 18.

Coming Events

June 8, 2005

The **Youth Council** will be hosting their 2nd Annual Dinner to celebrate the end of another school year. The dinner is being held at the **Italian Bistro** on Delsea Drive in Sewell. It begins at 6:30 and the charge is \$12.50. We hope to have a great turnout for this Youth Council event. We will be bidding

our seniors a bon voyage and meeting the new officers for the upcoming year. There will be some presentations and kudos. Please call June Arnold if you'd like to attend.

June 16, 2005

Grand Opening of the new Chapter House.

October 15, 2005

Volunteer Recognition Brunch. This is our yearly

celebration of volunteers. Please save the date. Auletto's Catering, Cooper Street, Almonesson, NJ 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. More to come in the next newsletter.

Volunteer of the Quarter

Helen Hippler has been a Red Cross Volunteer since 1987. She started out as a clerical volunteer at the Chapter, and then volunteered

in Blood Service as Officer of the Day, Reception, Greeter and Refreshment volunteer.

Helen still volunteers at the Chapter performing clerical duties at least once a week. She has contributed well over 1,000 hours to the Gloucester County Chapter of the American Red Cross. She also spends time painting. She has won awards at several juried art shows at Gloucester County College.

Laura Steinmetz, Executive Director of the Chapter asked Helen to do a painting for the new Chapter house. Helen outdid herself with a painting of all volunteer services including, instructors, blood service volunteers, Youth Council and Disaster Volunteers. If you get a chance please come in and see this wonderful work of art.

Helen Hippler is truly an asset to the Gloucester County Chapter of the American Red Cross, and knows the true meaning of volunteering.

Staff News

Welcome to our newest Board Member, **Carol Parkin**. Carol is the Banking Center Manager at the Bank of America branch in Deptford, NJ.

Our congratulations to **Andrew Robertson**, Administrative Assistant/Intern, who graduated from Rowan University

on May 13, 2005, with a Bachelor of Science degree in Business Administration with Specialization in Marketing.

We welcome **Damien DiStefano**, Coordinator of Health and Safety Services. Damien joined the staff in February and has already been certified as a CPR/AED/First Aid instructor and CPR for the Professional Rescuer.

Sharon Segal has been a volunteer with us since May 9th. Sharon attends Moorestown Friends School in Moorestown where she is currently a senior. In May of senior year, the class is sent out to find a one-month internship to gain 'real world experiences' before college. At our office, she works under June Arnold, Director of Volunteer Services and assists in mostly clerical duties, as well as having worked a health fair her third day on the job. Sharon decided to work at the Gloucester County Red Cross because she likes to help other people, and she hopes to work in Public Health as a career. Next year she will attend George Washington University in Washington, DC, where she will study Public Health

Hours of Operation

The American Red Cross, Gloucester County Chapter is located at 3 Parke Place Blvd. Sewell, NJ 08080. The new phone number is 856-256-8300 and our fax number – 856-256-8887. Hours are Monday through Friday 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

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

Community Relations

The Chapter is presenting educational programs for school children from ages 4 up. The programs are Scrubby Bear (the importance of hand washing), F.A.C.T. (First Aid for Children Today), B.A.T. (Basic Aid Training), and W.H.A.L.E. Tales (a water safety program) will all be provided to schools free of charge courtesy of the Gloucester County United Way funding allocation .

Health & Safety Schedule

Community First Aid and Safety Courses will be held at the West Deptford Library on Crown Point Road on July 6 & 13, October 5 & 12, and November 2 & 9, 2005.

CPR/AED for the Professional Rescuer

courses are being held at the same location on August 3 & 10, September 7 & 14 and December 7 & 14, 2005.

Babysitter Training Course

August 15 & 16, 5:00 p.m. to 8:45 p.m. Glassboro Branch Gloucester County Library, 2 Center Street. Glassboro, NJ.

If you are interested in registering for any of these courses please call Alice Went-Sagett at the Chapter. Before June 16th call 856-845-8500 x 19 and after June 16th

call 856-256-8300.

If you have been an instructor in the past and would like to become active again, please contact Alice at 856-845-8500 ext 19.

Disaster Services National Achievement

A National Red Cross Disaster Drill was held at our Chapter House on March 1 -3, 2005. The drill was held to assess our chapter's level of emergency response services. Over 100 disaster service volunteers were contacted for their availability and over 15 volunteers spent all day at the Chapter participating in the drill as National Red Cross instructors observed and threw disaster scenarios at the participants. Gloucester County Chapter scored a level 2 response and our disaster response plan was accepted with the highest rating possible. Our Chapter received a \$5,000 grant from the National American Red Cross to continue our disaster services training programs.

Congratulation to all the volunteers, board members and staff who worked hard to achieve this accomplishment

New Volunteer Orientation

A new volunteer orientation will be scheduled monthly when we move to our new Chapter House. You don't have to be a **NEW** volunteer to come to an orientation.

It is geared to anyone who would like to know more about the services that our Chapter offers the residents of Gloucester County. If you'd like to attend, please call the Volunteer Department at 856-845-8500 ext 15.

Visit our Website

Our website address is www.arcgloucesterco.org, where you can get directions and see photos of our new Chapter House.

You can also get information about Blood Drives, Health & Safety course schedules such as CPR/AED/First Aid, Pet First Aid, and Babysitting courses.

Our online shop offers Red Cross items for sale the new Road Hazard kit, First Aid Kits, Instruction books, and even Red Cross Blankets.