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## AMERICAN RED CROSS VOLUNTEER NEWS OF THE WEEK

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To: All Volunteers  
From: North Treasure Coast Chapter  
Subject: Weekly What's Happening  
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### How the Red Cross May Use Your Donation to Help Disaster Victims

\$25.00 provides five blankets at an emergency shelter

\$2500.00 deploys one Emergency Response vehicle and drivers (including housing and meals for drivers) to a relief operation

\$350.00 will provide emergency food and shelter for 25 disaster victims for one day.

\$3200.00 is the average yearly maintenance and fuel for one Emergency y Response Vehicle.

During May and June the American Red Cross has responded to Floods, Tornadoes and Wildfires in the following states: Iowa, Indiana, Wisconsin, Kansas, California, Illinois, Missouri, Nebraska and West Va.

In response to the extreme weather and flooding, the Red Cross has opened more than 100 shelters and deployed an estimated 3,000 volunteers to help serve nearly 500,000 meals and snacks, and distribute the thousands of clean-up kits to families returning to their flood ravaged homes. As flooding continues along the Mississippi River, the Red Cross encourages those who may be affected by the swelling waters to review the flooding preparedness tips that can be found on [www.RedCross.org](http://www.RedCross.org).

With an estimated cost of at least \$15 million for the relief efforts in the Central United States, the American Red Cross continues to seek donations for its Disaster Relief Fund. The relief organization is extremely grateful for the approximately \$8 million that has been pledged and received for disaster relief to date from generous donors across the country. This update comes one week after the Red Cross announced that the fund had been depleted. The challenges with the Disaster Relief Fund have not adversely affected the level of service that is being provided.

The following volunteers have been sent out on the DR

Joe Barocio – DR 816 – Indianapolis, IN – Client Services  
Rhoda Barnett – DR 769 – Cedar Rapids, IA – Client Services  
Butch Clinton – DR 769 – Cedar Rapids, IA – ERV Driver  
Anne Lau – DR 749 – Madison, WI – ERV Driver

## LATEST CHAPTER NEWS



### **Downtown Friday's Summertime Bike Nite Salutes the Red, White and Blue June 27, 2008**

Friday, June 27, the North Treasure Coast Chapter will be the Charity of Choice for the Downtown Friday Celebration in Vero Beach. This will be a "Bike Night" and the color theme will be Red White and Blue. Our Chapter with the ERV will be located on 14<sup>th</sup> St between 5:30 Pm to 8:30 pm. We will have a 50/50 raffle and will be offering First Aid Kits for sale and Hurricane preparedness information to the public. Come by and join the party!



Locally during the month of May, the North Treasure Coast Chapter responded to:  
9 Fires in Saint Lucie County and 3 in Indian River County.

Responding to those events were Brian Cook, Bill Condon, Heidi Condon, Olive Wedderburn, Walter Miller and Linda Landsburg.

### **Fort Pierce:**

**Good-Bye and Good Luck:** We would like to say Good bye and Good luck to Olive who has resigned from her position in Fort Pierce to tackle a new venture.

**Welcome:** We would like to welcome Olive as our latest volunteer. Olive will continue to help the American Red Cross by remaining an active volunteer.

**Welcome to Heather Wiley:** Heather is the new Branch Manager in St. Lucie County. Stop by and say "Hello". Heather has lots of American Red Cross experience. She comes to us from the Palm Beach Gardens and Philadelphia Red Cross Chapters. She is an instructor, both in Health and Safety and Disaster. She is an ERV driver and been involved in DAT as well as doing case work in client services.

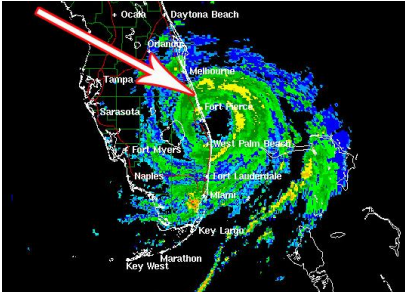


To Leonard Hager, Joel Green, Erv Roberts and Woody Boarman who were a huge help to our logistics crew.

### **HELP NEEDED!!!**



**Do you like to play golf?** Do you like to plan events? Bob is looking for volunteers to Chair or serve on a committee to run a Golf Tournament at PGA in Port St. Lucie in the first quarter of "09" Needed:



**HURRICANE SEASON IS HERE  
ARE YOU PREPARED?  
Sign up for training now!!  
CALL DUANE NOW!**

With hurricane season here we are concentrating on the prospect of opening shelters. We really need to know who will be available to work in a shelter should we have to open them. If you will be available as a shelter worker please let Duane know so we can start an initial shelter call down list to get shelters open quickly

**URGENT NEED:** Shelter Managers (will train). If anyone has an interest in becoming a shelter manager please contact Sharon, Duane or Bill.

**CLASSES** --Pre-Registration for classes is required. No fee for classes for active volunteers.

Reminder--- Fulfilling Our Mission is now a self study only and is a prerequisite for all disaster classes. The DVD and book are available at both the Fort Pierce and Vero Beach offices.

**The following classes will be held in the Fort Pierce Office:**

Monday, June 30<sup>th</sup> -----Adult CPR-----5:30 -9:30 PM  
 Thursday, July 24--Shelter Operations-----5:30 - 8:30 P.M.  
 Tuesday, July 29 - Shelter Simulation-----5:30 – 8:30 P.M.  
 Tuesday & Wednesday, August 29 -- Client Services-----5:30 – 8:30 P.M.

**The following classes will be held in the Vero Beach Office:**

Tuesday, June 24<sup>th</sup> ---Adult CPR-----5:30-9:30 PM  
 Thursday, July 17<sup>th</sup> --Damage Assessment-----5:30 – 8:30 PM

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