



# April Newsletter

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**April**

4/7-Disaster Volunteers Meeting

4/15- Disaster Preparedness Presentation

4/17 – Disaster Assessment

## CEO Message

We are steadily into spring. And as we see green shoots in our gardens here at home, we're seeing signs of renewal in Haiti and Chile. In the short time since the recent earthquakes struck, Red Cross volunteers have built a foundation for long-term recovery in Haiti including shelters, clean water, disease prevention and sanitation facilities for new settlements. And simultaneously we are helping the people of Chile respond to the country's largest earthquake in 50 years.

Last month we experienced a magnitude 4.4 earthquake in Pico Rivera. Thankfully, it only caused rattled nerves. It reminds us that we too live in earthquake country and need to be prepared. With the renewal that Spring brings take the time to renew and update your preparedness plan. If you don't have one I encourage you to create one with your family. It is as easy as [getting a kit](#), [making a plan](#) and [being informed](#).

Sincerely,  
Nancy C. Kindelan  
CEO

## Haiti and Chile Response

On January 12, a series of earthquakes ranging from magnitude 6.5 to 7.3 struck Haiti. Approximately 57 significant aftershocks have occurred. This is already the largest, single-country, relief operation in global Red Cross history in terms of number of Red Cross emergency relief teams deployed.

The Red Cross and partner agencies have provided emergency shelter materials to nearly 879,000 people in Haiti, which is more than two-thirds of the 1.3 million left homeless by the January earthquake. Tens of thousands of tarpaulins, tents, ropes, timber uprights and toolkits continue to arrive in Haiti, helping to put some shelter over people's heads ahead of the rainy season which starts in April and peaks in May. Since the earthquake, the

Drill

4/19-23 - Volunteer Recognition Week

4/20 – Youth Volunteer Orientation

4/24 – Basic Aid Training

4/26-Disaster Services Leadership Meeting

4/29- Adult Volunteer Orientation

**May**

5/5 – Disaster Volunteer Meeting

5/11 – Adult Volunteer Orientation

5/18 - Youth Volunteer Orientation

5/20 – Disaster Preparedness Presentation

5/22 – CPR Saturday

5/31-Disaster Services Leadership Meeting

**June**

6/2 – Disaster Volunteer Meeting

6/15 – Youth Volunteer Orientation

6/17 – Disaster Preparedness Presentation

6/24 – Adult Volunteer Orientation

6/28 – Disaster Services Leadership Meeting

American Red Cross has spent more than \$106 million on food and water, shelter, and health and family services.

On February 27, a magnitude 8.8 earthquake hit central Chile causing major damage. The ensuing tsunami caused damaged ports and communities on the coast. The American Red Cross immediately pledged \$50,000 to the International Response Fund for relief operations. Since then the Red Cross has made a \$1 million commitment for global Red Cross relief operations in Chile and is prepared to offer more assistance, if needed. This will support the Chilean Red Cross in providing shelter, relief supplies, basic health care, and water and sanitation for 90,000 people for one year.

The American Red Cross is also providing 5,000 water-carrying cans and 1,100 hygiene kits for distribution by the Chilean Red Cross. The Chilean Red Cross has 1,700 volunteers performing damage and needs assessments and distributing food, hygiene articles, blankets, and other relief items to survivors.

Because of the generosity of donors, people in Haiti and Chile will receive more than immediate relief—they will receive resources, support and training from the Red Cross that will help them recover and rebuild for years to come.

### Hometown Heroes

The Greater Long Beach Chapter of the American Red Cross honored 22 heroic individuals and presented the Outstanding Corporate Hero award to the Boeing Company at its sixth annual Hometown Heroes Awards Ceremony on Thursday, March 11 at the Hyatt Hotel in Long Beach.

Business leaders, family, friends and members of the community came to recognize the brave extraordinary acts of individuals who changed someone's life. LA County Supervisor Don Knabe led the pledge of allegiance and Mat Kaplan, Senior Director of Technology and Development, CSULB and Red Cross volunteer, was the emcee.

BP America the recipient of our Outstanding Corporate Hero award for their substantial support to the Red Cross, active participation in special events and excellent example of partnership in the community.

The Hometown Heroes Award recipients were presented with a medal and plaque for their heroic act by Greater Long Beach Chapter CEO Nancy Kindelan and Board of Directors Chairman Greg Pierson.

Humanitarian Sponsors were BP America, represented by B.V.

Acquire the knowledge & skills you need to help in an emergency situation.

[CPR & First Aid Schedule](#)

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### Get Prepared

[Online Preparedness Presentation](#)

Castillo and The Boeing Company, represented by Tim Sele. Response Sponsors were Southern California Edison, represented by Larry Labrado, TABC represented by Jim Eckland, and Charter Communications, represented by Del Heintz.

To read the heroes' stories click [here](#).

### CPR Saturday

Our 15th Annual CPR Saturday will be held on May 22, 2010 at Long Beach City College. This event has trained over 15,000 people in Adult, Child and Infant CPR in the last 14 years! For only \$7 and a few hours of your time, you can learn to save a life!

CPR Saturday will take place at Long Beach City College located at 4901 E. Carson Street, Long Beach. Select classes will also be taught in Spanish and in American Sign Language for individuals who are deaf or hard of hearing. Registration will begin on April 1st and end May 14th and walk up classes are available on May 22 for open classes only.

For class fees and times click [here](#).

### Meet the Volunteers of the Month

The Greater Long Beach Chapter of the American Red Cross announces the February Volunteers of the Month Mike Farrar, Jeff Dohzen and George Apt. [Read More...](#)

### Volunteer Recognition Week

National Volunteer Recognition Week is designated to recognize all volunteers and celebrate the spirit of volunteerism.

At the American Red Cross, we are especially grateful for the hundreds of thousands of volunteers who contribute their time, blood and financial support. Many of us are ourselves volunteers. We know first-hand the selfless nature of people who give with no

This year April 19-23, the theme of National Volunteer Week is "Celebrating People in Action," and that is just what Red Cross volunteers are – people in action. The actions of the American Red Cross volunteers provide relief to victims affected by domestic and international disasters; they help people prevent, prepare for and respond to emergencies; they provide lifesaving blood to victims of disease, burns and injuries; they connect families separated by a call to duty; they teach lifesaving skills; and the American Red Cross celebrates the actions of our volunteers who enable us to fulfill our mission..

### **Your Donations at Work**

March has been a busy month for the GLBC. Our Disaster Action Team (DAT) volunteers responded to five house fires, helping these families get back on the road to recovery.

On March 21 our DAT volunteers responded to a home fire in the city of Bellflower. Our volunteers provided the family of 3 adults with lodging, clothes, shoes, winter coats, and meals.

On March 23 our DAT volunteers responded to a home fire in the City of Bellflower. The fire caused minor damage. Our volunteers met with the family of 3 adults and two children to begin caseworks and assess any possible needs.

The following day on March 24 our DAT volunteers responded to a house fire in the City of Hawaiian Gardens. Our volunteers provided the family of 2 adults and 4 children with lodging, groceries, clothing and laundry supplies.

On March 27, our DAT volunteers responded to a home fire in the City of Paramount. This was a duplex where the rear house was destroyed and the front house had minor damage. Our volunteers provided the family who lost their home with lodging, clothes, meals and groceries. The other family stayed with family and where provided with meals.

On March 29, our DAT volunteers responded to a 10 unit apartment complex fire in the City of Long Beach. The fire destroyed one apartment and damaged others. Thankfully the landlord had other apartments for the 10 residents that were displaced to stay in. The GLBC will begin case work and begin assessing any needs.

Thanks to your generosity these families had food, shelter, and clothing as they begin their road to recovery.

### **Preparedness Presentation at the Chapter**

The GLBC is hosting evening disaster preparedness presentations the 3rd Thursday evening of every month from 6 pm-7 pm to address preparedness for individuals that have busy schedules with work and school. For more information and to sign up for classes [click here](#)

### Words of Wisdom from Clara Barton

Clara Barton, founder of the American Red Cross, is honored as one of the great women of America. She dedicated her life to helping people in distress. Ms. Barton had a talent for words and throughout her life she wrote voluminously, often daily. She was also a gifted speaker, able to move just a single person during a personal conversation or motivate large crowds. Ms. Barton left us with a legacy of hope, dedication and caring, along with some colorful words of wisdom:

***"She had the command of a general, the wisdom of a statesman, and the heart of a woman."***

- Unknown speaker about Clara Barton, 1893