



# September Newsletter

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## CEO Message

Students across the country are readying themselves for a new school year as summer vacations draw to a close. With the excitement of a new year sometimes we forget the importance of school safety and with the H1N1 flu making its return this flu season the American Red Cross encourages parents to take the time to talk to their children about school safety and flu prevention tips. [Read More...](#)

## GLBC Responds to Wildfires

On August 27, fire broke out near a ranger station in the Angeles National Forest. Since the fire broke out it has burned more than 144,000 acres and forced the evacuations of thousands of homes in the cities of La Cañada Flintridge, La Crescenta, Altadena, Glendale, Tujunga, and Acton. The Red Cross opened 5 shelters at Verdugo Hills High School in Tujunga, Golden Valley High School in New Hall, Marie Ker Park in Palmdale, Crescenta Valley High School in La Crescenta, La Cañada High School in La Cañada Flintridge providing a safe place to stay for over 700 evacuees. [Read More....](#)

## Tee up For Disaster Victims

The Greater Long Beach Chapter of the American Red Cross (GLBC) will host its 11<sup>th</sup> Annual Golf Tournament on October 12, 2009 at SeaCliff Country Club in Huntington Beach. Proceeds from the tournament benefit the GLBC's local disaster relief fund, which provides financial assistance to victims of disaster for shelter, clothing, groceries, and bedding. [Read More...](#)

## National Preparedness Month 5% off all Disaster Kits

September is National Preparedness month and all disaster kits



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having a disaster kit in your home. The GLBC urges residents of our nine cities to be prepared for emergencies big and small. Whether it's a natural disaster, such as an earthquake, or a man made disaster, such as a terrorist attack or fire, you need to have an emergency kit with the proper survival supplies. [Read More...](#)

### **Meet the August Volunteer of the Month**

### **Busy Month for the DAT Team**

Our Disaster Action Team (DAT) has had a very busy August by responding to numerous incidents. Our DAT team has responded to 4 calls and has assisted 19 adults and 17 children, providing them with lodging, and a client assistance card (CAC) to purchase necessities while they got back on their feet, a majority of those helped came from a 6 unit apartment fire in Lakewood. [Read More...](#)

### **Community Disaster Education Classes offered every Month**

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

### **Leadership Development Camp Set New Record!!**

On August 10, High School and Middle School Youth from Southern California nervously got on a bus and headed to our Leadership Development Center (LDC) Camp, a 5 day camping retreat, held at Pilgrim Pines Camp in Yucaipa, CA. Not sure what to expect, the youth arrived at camp ready for an interesting week. [Read More...](#)

### **Calendar of Events**

To find out more about GLBC events, or to check dates for our on-going CPR/First Aid training classes, please contact the GLBC at 562-595-6341 or visit the website at [www.redcrosslb.org](http://www.redcrosslb.org).

## 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:

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