



Randolph County Service Center
1117 S. Fayetteville Street
Asheboro, NC 27203
(336) 629-2399
<http://gso.redcross.org>

News Release
NEWS RELEASE

Contact: Melanie McDonough
Phone: (336) 332-6937
(336) 215-0085 (cell)
mcdonoughm@usa.redcross.org

**Red Cross Urges Preparedness in September and Beyond
During National Preparedness Month, Be Red Cross Ready for Emergencies**

ASHEBORO, September 2009—American Red Cross chapters across the country are working this September to help individuals, families, schools and businesses take action to “Be Red Cross Ready” for all types of disasters and emergencies by: 1) getting a kit, 2) making a plan, and 3) being informed. Now in its sixth year, National Preparedness Month is a nationwide effort sponsored by the U.S. Department of Homeland Security to raise public awareness about the importance of preparing for all types of emergencies.

“Preparing ahead of time will help you respond better in a disaster or emergency, and may even save your life,” said Roy Gilliland, Director of the American Red Cross in Randolph County. “Prepared citizens mean better prepared communities. Your Red Cross will always be there to provide relief in times of disasters, and want to teach people the skills they need to prepare for and keep their families safer in a disaster or emergency.”

In order to be better prepared for the community, your Randolph Red Cross will be moving to a newer and more cost effective facility. **The new office will be located at 419 North Patton Avenue, Asheboro, NC 27203 – this move will be effective after Tuesday, September 15, 2009.**

You can also sign up to be a Red Cross volunteer – our next two orientations will be held on:

Tuesday, September 15 6:00pm – 7:00pm

Wednesday, September 16 Noon – 1:00pm

Potential volunteers MUST preregister by calling (336) 629-2399 or sending an e-mail to gillilandr@usa.redcross.org Note: September orientations will be at our new building.

Another way to be prepared? Get trained! We have community classes scheduled at the **new office, located at 419 North Patton Avenue:**

Saturday, Sept 12th Adult CPR & First Aid at 8:00am

Wednesday, September 23rd Adult CPR at 9:00am

Saturday, September 26th Adult/Infant/Child CPR & First Aid at 8:00am

Tuesday, September 29th Adult/Infant/Child CPR at 6:00pm

To sign up or find out more information, please call **(336) 629-2399** or go to our website: <http://gso.redcross.org>

You can also donate blood at one of these upcoming drives to help keep our community prepared:

9/3/2009

High Pine Wesleyan Church, 4492 High Pine Church Road, Asheboro

3 PM-7 PM

Contact Jeanette @ 381-0525 to schedule your appointment.

9/10/2009

Energizer @ Energizer Plant 2, 419 Art Bryan Drive, Asheboro

12:30 PM-5 PM

To schedule your appointment sign up in the Large cafeteria.

9/15/2009

Randolph Community College, 629 Industrial Park Drive, Asheboro

10 AM-2:30 PM

Call the American Red Cross @ 629-2399 to schedule appt.

9/16/2009

Kayser Roth Balfour, 515 Balfour Avenue, Asheboro

10 AM-2:30 PM Contact Denise @ Ext. 6214 to schedule your appointment.

9/17/2009

Asheboro Community @ First United Methodist Church, 224 N. Fayetteville Street

2 PM-6:30 PM Contact the Red Cross @ 629-2399 to schedule appointment.

9/18/2009

Oakhurst Baptist Church, 2225 S. Fayetteville Street, Asheboro, NC

2 PM-6 PM Contact Church office to schedule an appointment!

9/19/2009

First Christian Baptist Church, 326 W. Academy Street, Randleman, NC

9 AM-1:30 PM For appointments, call Dorothy @ 336-498-4332 or 336-495-1205

9/20/2009

Marlboro Friends Meeting, 2668 Marlboro Church Road, Sophia, NC

2 PM-6:30 PM Contact Bailey @ 495-6790 to schedule your appointment.

9/21/2009

North Carolina Zoo, 4401 Zoo Parkway, Asheboro, NC

9:30 AM-2 PM Contact Ellie @ 879-7310 to schedule your appointment.

9/29/2009

Asheboro Womens' Club @ First Baptist Church, 133 N. Church Street, Asheboro, NC

2 PM-7 PM Contact Doris @ 824-2663 to schedule your appointment.

The American Red Cross shelters, feeds and provides emotional support to victims of disasters; supplies nearly half of the nation's blood; teaches lifesaving skills; provides international humanitarian aid; and supports military members and their families. The Red Cross is a charitable organization — not a government agency — and depends on volunteers and the generosity of the American public to perform its mission. For more information, please visit www.redcross.org or join our blog at <http://blog.redcross.org>.

###