



Red Cross Spotlight

Be Red Cross Ready

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.

The Greensboro Chapter will be hosting a lunch & learn on **Friday, September 11 from Noon – 1:00pm**. Please bring your own bag lunch and join us at our chapter house, 1501 Yanceyville Street, to learn about disaster preparedness for your family. Click [here](#) for more information on how you can be Red Cross Ready for any type of disaster.

Another way to be prepared? Get trained! We have CPR classes scheduled **every Saturday during the month of September** to help our community be prepared! To sign up or find out more information on any of these lifesaving training sessions, you can visit our [online registration](#)

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

- Thursday, September 3 Noon – 2:00pm**
- Tuesday, September 15 6:30pm – 8:30pm**

Please choose one date and register by calling 333-2111 or e-mail Anne at vestala@usa.redcross.org

There is currently an **urgent** need for type **O negative, B negative and A negative** blood donors. You can donate blood at our Nussbaum Blood Center to help keep our community prepared:

- Mondays 2:00 – 6:30pm
- Tuesdays & Thursdays 12:30 – 6:30pm
- Wednesdays, Fridays & Saturdays 8:00am – 1:00pm

On **Labor Day, Monday, September 7th**, we will be **open from 10am-2pm** instead of our usual 2pm-6:30pm hours. This month marks the end of our **Save a Life and See America** campaign—all donors get a chance to win a \$1,000 gas card! Please call (800) GIVE LIFE or visit www.redcrossblood.org to make an appointment at a location near you.

Did You Know?

Crossing Paths...Touching Lives

Learn more about how your Red Cross is responding to the needs of our Community by joining us at one of our upcoming **one hour tours** at the Chapter located at 1501 Yanceyville Street in Greensboro. It is an opportunity to learn first hand about our disaster relief work, health and safety classes and blood services.

Our next Tour here at the Chapter is on **Wednesday, October 7 at Noon**. For more information and to RSVP, contact Brooks at 332-6933 or westerhoffb@usa.redcross.org. You can also check about scheduling a special Tour at your organization or company.

What's New?

The **Greensboro Chapter**, along with the **Montgomery County** and **Randolph County** Service Centers all received awards for their dedication to blood services during the 2009 Celebration of Excellence. The event was hosted by the Carolinas Blood Region last month. Our own Sandy Koontz (who is retiring on October 1) was honored for his 40+ years of service to the American Red Cross.

Greensboro volunteer Nancy Woodyard was selected to share her daughter Tessa’s story and how anonymous blood donors gave Nancy and her husband Anthony more precious time with their baby girl. Nancy and Anthony continue to work tirelessly to help spread the word about the need for blood donations.

Do you have a Red Cross story to share? Please let us know!