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Heart of Tennessee Chapter

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Red Cross Offers Disaster Volunteer Training Courses **Calling All Community Members Interested in Volunteering**

(MURFREESBORO) March 22, 2011 – Beginning on April 12th, The American Red Cross – Heart of Tennessee Chapter will be holding new volunteer orientation on the second Tuesday of every month, at six o'clock pm.

What: Volunteer Orientation for the American Red Cross – Heart of Tennessee Chapter

Where: 501 Memorial Blvd. – Murfreesboro

When: 2nd Tuesday of every month, 6 pm

During the approximately one hour long meeting, area residents who are interested in becoming American Red Cross volunteers can receive information on how to join the team that has served Rutherford County through fires and other disasters for nearly a century. There are many opportunities to serve as a Disaster Volunteer for the American Red Cross – Heart of Tennessee Chapter. Some of the opportunities include:

Response/Disaster Services - Disaster Action Team (DAT)

Provide direct assistance to disaster clients by meeting their immediate, basic needs, such as food, housing, clothing and other necessities

Mass Care or Logistics

Set up and operate shelters to house and feed clients displaced by disaster or provide operational support for disaster relief.

Client Services

Help identify the immediate disaster-caused needs of individuals and families impacted by disasters; provide emergency food, clothing and housing; provide financial, counseling, and health-related services and assistance and reunification or welfare information

Public Affairs

Help during emergencies, events, or other occasions when the organization needs to speak with the media, elected officials and the community to answer questions and provide information.

Disaster Health Services

Assists in meeting the disaster-related emergency health needs of individuals or families such as lost or destroyed medications, eyeglasses, dentures, health equipment and health recovery information; provides basic health care on a disaster relief operation for Red Cross volunteers and employees.

Disaster Mental Health

Identifies and meets the immediate disaster-related mental health needs of individuals and families impacted by disasters by delivering mental health services and counseling directly to clients and by assisting local community mental health providers in meeting the emotional needs of affected individuals, families, and communities.

BE A VOLUNTEER **[Join the Movement]**

By volunteering with the American Red Cross, you'll join a worldwide movement dedicated to providing relief to victims of disaster. Whether you're in career transition, a student looking for experience, work full-time, retired, or have a few extra hours, you too can make a difference and save lives.

The Heart of Tennessee Chapter of the American Red Cross provides vital emergency assistance to help victims of local disasters in Rutherford, Bedford, Cannon, Franklin, Coffee & Moore counties. Last year your Red Cross provided \$225,366 in direct financial assistance to those affected by all disasters. Over the past year the Chapter trained 12,591 people in CPR & First Aid, Babysitting and Aquatics training, and provided pre-deployment briefings and emergency communications for over 206 active duty military personnel and their families. Over 12,000 pints of life-saving blood were collected from the community last year. All of these services are made possible by over 320 dedicated local Red Cross volunteers as well as through generous gifts from the local community. To get more information please call 615) 893-4272 or log on to www.midtnredcross.org.

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