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## March is American Red Cross Month

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For over 75 years, United States Presidents and Governors around the country have recognized March as American Red Cross Month as a way to continue to support its work through volunteerism, financial contributions, or the donation of blood. Since 1881, this remarkable humanitarian organization founded by Clara Barton has brought hope and help to millions of people in need throughout the world.

The Red Cross:

- Responds to nearly 64,000 disasters across the country providing comfort and supplies to people in need.
- Trains and provides information to nearly 5.9 million people in first aid, water safety and other skills that help save lives.
- Collects nearly 4.9 million units of blood from more than 2.8 million volunteer donors to meet the needs of patients at hospitals and transfusion centers across the country.
- Provides nearly 391,000 support services to military members, veterans and their families.
- Helps more than 181 million people outside the U.S. through disaster management and disease prevention efforts.

To continue its life-saving work, it is imperative that the Red Cross receive the necessary resources and funds. From donating blood to taking classes in CPR, there are so many ways that we can each show our support for this tremendous organization. The Red Cross is asking everyone to support people impacted by disasters and #help1family on Giving Day – Wednesday, March 28. Your donation can help provide hope and urgent relief such as food, blankets and other essentials to people who need it most.

For more information on the American Red Cross, please visit: <http://www.redcross.org/>