

American Red Cross

American Red Cross of Northwest Florida
Serving Escambia, Santa Rosa, Okaloosa and Walton counties

Our offices will be closed on Friday, December 24th and Friday December 31st.

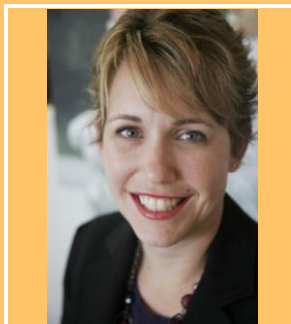
Dear Friends of the Red Cross:

We hope your holiday season is filled with the spirit of hope, peace and love. We at the Red Cross of Northwest Florida want to say thank you to all of our supporters, benefactors, and to our wonderful communities that always open their hearts to those in need.

Your continued support truly does make a difference in the lives of so many others. Thank you for helping.

*Staff and Volunteers
The American Red Cross of Northwest Florida*

People Helping People



Leanne Barger
Volunteer Coordinator

No matter what your interests or available time, we have a volunteer opportunity for you! When you volunteer your time and talents to the Red Cross, you will have receive much in return. Whether it's career development, networking with like-minded, caring individuals or opportunities to teach

classes, you can find it all by volunteering for your Red Cross.

Anyone interested can call our Volunteer Coordinator, Leanne Barger, at 850-452-3066 or 850-485-6570, or send her an email at bargerl@usa.redcross.org.

Local Chapter Responds to a Multi-Unit

TurboTax Donates \$100,000 to Charity, \$5 at a Time on Facebook

TurboTax will donate \$5 to us for every user that enters their e-mail address and selects American Red Cross on the TurboTax [Giving Gives Back](#) tab.

Not on Facebook? You can still generate a donation at www.givinggivesback.com. The promotion lasts through December 31, so click-to-donate today, and don't forget to share with your friends!

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WHY THE HECK SHOULD I GIVE TO THE RED CROSS?

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Apartment Fire

We recently assisted families and individuals connected with the multiunit apartment fire in south Santa Rosa County. According to Red Cross CEO, Jerry Kindle, "Locally, we have responded to more than 90 house fires and assisted over 250 family members since July 1st, which is a 20% increase since last year.

With Christmas just around the corner, and local fire counts increasing, we want to encourage everyone to prevent fires by taking some basic safety measures:

- Stay in the kitchen when you're cooking! If you leave the kitchen even for a short time, turn off the stove.
- Be alert. You won't be alert if you are sleepy, have taken medicine or drugs, or consumed alcohol that makes you drowsy.
- Never smoke in bed.
- Turn portable heaters off when you leave the room or go to sleep.
- At least once a year, replace the batteries in your smoke alarms; every 10 years, replace the entire smoke alarm.

For more information about fire safety and prevention, contact the American Red Cross of Northwest Florida toll free at 800-773-7620 or visit our website at www.yourredcross.org

Getting to Know Us

For more information on the American Red Cross, visit our website at www.yourredcross.org

OUR OFFICE LOCATIONS:

Okaloosa County: 4100 S. Ferdonn Blvd. Crestview, FL 32536

Eglin AFB: Bldg. 210, Van Mater Street, Eglin AFB, FL 32542

Pensacola NAS: 280 Skyhawk Drive NAS Pensacola, FL 32508

Santa Rosa County: 5629 Byrom Street Milton, FL 32570

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COMMUNITY NOTES:

January 9, 2011

Jeremy Cassady Benefit Golf Tournament at Scenic Hills Country Club. Escambia County Deputy Jeremy Cassady was shot in the line of duty on October 29th. This event proceeds will help Jeremy and his family through his long road to recovery. www.golf4cassady.wordpress.com