



**American Red Cross**

Lakeland Chapter

# Always There

## Facts at a Glance

*(All totals include statistics from Hurricane Katrina, Rita and Wilma as of 12-30-2005)*

*Shelters : 1,196*

*Meals: 34,112,133*

*Snacks: 30,412,400*

*Total Red Cross Workers: 233,757*

*Health Services Contacts: 922,436*

*Mental Health Contacts: 801,277*

*Comfort Kits: 352,773*



*Peter Kretche (above) at the Lafayette School in New Orleans working in one of the many ERV's (Emergency Response Vehicle). On this day Peter served 800 meals.*

*(Below) In Kenner, LA (suburb of New Orleans) ERV's are waiting to be loaded and go out for the day to feed clients in the New Orleans area.*



## Red Cross Faces Record-breaking Hurricane Season

Millions of lives were impacted by the 2005 Atlantic hurricane season with a record-breaking 26 named tropical storms including 13 hurricanes. Three names stand out among them...Katrina, Rita and Wilma.

Within weeks of each other and with incredible intensity and force, Katrina and Rita changed the face of many parts of the U.S. Gulf Coast. Close on their heels was Hurricane Wilma.

More than a thousand people lost their lives as a result of these hurricanes, and millions more were left battered, broken, displaced or homeless. But, while entire neighborhoods were being wiped out by heavy rains, storm surges or flood waters from breeched levees, communities and neighbors from across the country were mobilizing. People wanted to help; they gave their money, their time and their tears.



*A snapshot of some of the destruction to the area of Grand Isle, LA. Photo taken by Peter Kretche, local disaster volunteer.*

As the disaster grew to previously unimaginable proportions, the coordinated effort among a multitude of disaster response agencies and humanitarian organizations worked to keep up and meet the needs of those impacted. More than 233,000 Red Cross volunteers and staff put their jobs, families and lives on hold to help their neighbors along the coast weather the storm and face the trying days ahead of them.

While thousands worked behind the scenes to coordinate relief efforts, thousands more made the pilgrimage to the scenes of the disasters to render aid. They offered food, water, shelter, health care and critical relief supplies made possible by the hundreds of thousands of generous financial donations that poured in from individuals, community and school groups and corporations. But, as important as the tangibles, were the intangibles – someone to listen, to care or to just give a hug.

This monumental task of providing immediate disaster relief and recovery assistance in the wake of this devastating hurricane season tested the spirit, determination and cooperation of the entire country. Given the incredible demands that were faced, America rose to the challenge, providing care and comfort to millions of people struggling to get through another day.

The hurricane season has officially ended, but the journey toward recovery has just begun. The American Red Cross, comprised of nearly 1 million volunteers and 35,000 employees, is committed to being a part of the recovery process, and with its partnerships and spirit of collaboration, will continue demonstrating tireless compassion every step of the way.

# Fundraising goal reached to support hurricane relief efforts; Thank You for your support!

The American Red Cross announced as of February 3, 2006 that current financial donations and pledges will cover the \$2.116 billion estimated cost for its response to Hurricanes Katrina, Rita and Wilma. As of Dec. 31, 2005, the Red Cross has spent more than 80 percent of these donated funds.

As a good steward of donated dollars, the Red Cross has a standard practice of informing the public when sufficient funds have been raised to cover the costs associated with a disaster response. In keeping with that commitment, the Red Cross will no longer initiate fundraising activities for these hurricanes.

## Local Support

The American Red Cross Lakeland Chapter would like to thank the local community for their financial support of the relief efforts. Donors within our area contributed more than \$1.226 million dollars, which was directed to the Gulf Coast Region. We again say thanks for your wonderful generosity.

In total, the Lakeland Chapter deployed 52 volunteers (see names below) to help in the affected areas from late August through mid-December. For many this was their first deployment. Most were out for a two-or three-week period and a few stayed up to five weeks. An average workday was 10-12 hours and sleeping accommodations were sometimes less than desirable. The majority stated they would go out again when needed. Thank you also, to the many disaster volunteers who continue to support local disasters that occur in our six county area, as well as assisting the 180 individuals from the affected areas who have relocated with family and friends.

*"I want to take this opportunity to officially thank the Red Cross for my opportunity to serve the disaster victims in Orange County, Texas. It was truly a life changing experience for me."*

*-Jeanne Harris  
Lakeland Chapter Volunteer*

Jonathan Amel - Louisiana  
Sue Behrens - Louisiana  
August Brill - Alabama  
Bernice Campshure - Florida  
Paula Cashin - Florida  
Bonny Chapman - Florida  
Carla Debouche - Florida  
Lori Delain - Washington D.C.  
Dean Ekberg - Louisiana  
Gerald & Lavonne Franz - Louisiana  
Robert Fresen - Alabama  
Sheila Gohr - Alabama  
Phiroze Hansotia - Louisiana  
Thomas Harrer - Florida  
Jeanne Harris - Texas  
Tom and Cathy Harrison - Florida  
Sally Hasenfus - Alabama  
Amy Hess - Texas  
Carol Ingram - Texas  
Joseph Jadin - Louisiana  
Scott Jones - Florida  
Peter Kretche - Louisiana  
Diane Knutson - Florida  
Hope Koestner - Florida  
Laure Krawczyk - Washington D.C.  
Kristeen Labutzke - Texas

Judy Lane - Mississippi  
Carmen Lang - Alabama & Florida  
Terry MacDonald - Louisiana  
Terrance Mapes - Alabama  
Ann Massey - Washington D.C.  
Marie Merrill - Mississippi  
James Meverden - Texas  
Nancy Mirhashemi - Florida  
John Neumann - Washington D.C.  
G. Craig Nichols - Louisiana  
Jeff Rentmeester - Florida  
Mary Roellchen - Alabama  
Susan Rohan - Florida  
Dawn Schaefer - Florida  
Rudy Senarighi - Mississippi  
Larry Staszak - Florida  
Lawrence Teofilo - Mississippi  
Pam Tiedtke - Texas  
Jan Traversa - Alabama  
Don & Mary Verdegan - Florida  
Kathy Wagner - Florida  
Philip Wiebold - Mississippi  
Randy Winkler - Florida



*From the  
Director's  
Desk*

Our hope is that everyone enjoyed a safe and wonderful holiday season and that spring is right around the corner. Special thanks to many of you who responded with a financial gift during the holidays. Your continued support of our community programs and services is greatly appreciated.

It's through your support that the services of the American Red Cross touch our community and our nation. This has never been more evident than the community involvement brought about by Hurricanes Katrina, Rita and Wilma. Individuals, community organizations, schools and local businesses stepped forward to ask how they could help.

The Red Cross is dedicated to saving lives and helping people prevent, prepare for and respond to emergencies no matter where or when they happen. We continue to respond to local emergencies, deliver transportation to seniors and individuals with disabilities, educate the public on important lifesaving skills, provide assistance to military families and their loved ones serving our country, and deliver blood at critical times of need.

March is designated as Red Cross Month. During this time, we ask you to think about the ways the American Red Cross touches our community and share the good news with friends and neighbors. Perhaps you would consider taking a First Aid/CPR class to be prepared or perhaps you'd like to volunteer as a local disaster responder or transportation driver. Whatever you choose, it will make our community a better place.

Thanks for your consideration and continued support.

# Fundraisers

## Tuesday, May 9th kicks off the 18th Annual American Red Cross Lakeland Chapter Golf Classic

With the warm January temperatures one can't help but think of golf, and what better way to start the season than by supporting your local Red Cross in one of the first charity outings of the season. This year marks the 18th Annual Lakeland Chapter Golf Classic, which will once again be held at Thornberry Creek Country Club on Tuesday, May 9th. Returning as the major sponsor for the 7th year is **Bellin Health**.

The funds raised from this major special event support the local programs and services of the Lakeland Chapter, which include:

**Disaster Relief** - assists individuals affected by fires, floods, tornadoes and other natural and man-made disasters, as well as, providing assistance for emergency personnel.

**Armed Forces Emergency Services** - Keeps families at home connected with their loved ones in the U.S. Armed Forces by delivering emergency communications regarding births, deaths and critical illness.

**Health and Safety Services** - Provides First Aid, CPR/AED (Automated External Defibrillator), Babysitter's Training, Water Safety and Lifeguarding Instructor courses, Nurse Assistant training and other injury control training for the community and workplace.

**Transportation Services** - Provides transportation in the Green Bay metro and Door County area for individuals 60 and older and those with a disability for medical, nutritional, employment and social appointment.

For more information on sponsorship opportunities contact **Jody Weyers, Volunteer and Communications Director**, at 920-227-4287 or e-mail: [weyersj@arclakeland.org](mailto:weyersj@arclakeland.org)

### **bellinhealth** Corner *by Ty Nordic*

### Spring Training for Golfers

It's hard to believe, but golf season is rapidly approaching. Now is the time to cure what ails you. You know, the slicing and hooking. The 100-yard "drives". Bellin has the right medicine. Our **"Fore Golf"** program can take your game to the next level.

"Fore Golf" is designed to serve all aspects of evaluating clients, and planning functional exercise programs to enhance your game. Golfers should approach the season like athletes approach other sports, and realize that physical conditioning is vital to your game.

Our proven and effective training techniques will be used to assess your specific needs, and focus on the areas that are hindering you from reaching your full potential. Our goal is to implement a complete and comprehensive program that will enhance your golf performance by giving you better power off the tee, strength and muscular endurance, energy, mental focus, and fine-tuning those "special situation" shots.

Our programs can be accessed year-round at our Athletic Performance Center. Our current facility is located at 1841 Plane Park Drive, just south of the Cornerstone Community Ice Center in De Pere. Our brand new, state of the art facility, which is scheduled to open in July, will be located at Bellin Health West, 1630 Commanche Avenue. To register for the course call **Eric Erdmann** at 430-4722 or 217-5535.



### Sponsorship Opportunities

#### Team Sponsorship \$600 per foursome

- 18-hole round of golf
- Lunch & dinner
- Complimentary drink tickets
- Recognition in all event promotions & chapter newsletter

#### Sign Sponsorship \$250 per sign

- Signage on the tee or green with your company name
- Dinner invitations for a company representative
- Recognition in all event promotions & chapter newsletter

#### Our program includes:

- Complete evaluation and video analysis
- Injury prevention strategies
- Recognition of common swing errors, and strategies for fixing them
- Improvement of motor control and movement patterns
- Enhanced balance and stability
- Construction of a golf-specific strength program
- Core strength and stabilization



## American Red Cross Lakeland Chapter Enters into Second Year Partnership with the Cellcom Green Bay Marathon

May 21, 2006 marks the 7th annual **Cellcom Green Bay Marathon** and the Lakeland Chapter is excited to once again participate in this great community event. "The Cellcom Green Bay Marathon is thrilled to have the American Red Cross Lakeland Chapter joining us for a second year as one of the charity partners," said **Sean Ryan, Race Director**. "In addition to the volunteer resources provided by the Red Cross, they bring a tremendous amount of experience in planning large-scale events. Although planning for a natural disaster and a marathon are two different things, certain skills apply to both."

Last year the Lakeland Chapter received \$8,000 from the marathon to support local programs and services and in return volunteers supported the marathon in the key areas of the goodie-bag stuffing, the food tent the day of the marathon and water stations for the Saturday Prevea Training Runs.

If you would like more information on volunteering or to register for the marathon visit:

[www.cellcomgreenbaymarathon.com](http://www.cellcomgreenbaymarathon.com)



*Red Cross Volunteers, Joe Schiebel (left) and Ernie Scheld cook brats for the runners.*

## Blood Services

### Changes to the Blood Registration Process

On January 16th, we started a few minor changes to the donation process. These changes were made in hopes of speeding things up, and to help make the blood supply even safer. The first change you will notice during the health history is, if you have your red donor ID card our staff will scan it in the computer and your name will come up along with other demographics. *(If you don't have an American Red Cross donor ID card, or don't bring it with you, you can still donate by showing your driver's license or 2 other forms of ID.)* Another change you will notice is in the questions you will be asked. Instead of asking questions about certain countries, we will ask if you have traveled outside the United States, Canada or Mexico. If you answer yes, we will then ask you where and when you traveled. Those who have not left the country, we will go on to the next question, saving you time. The same procedure will apply for medications. We will ask you what medications you are on, and deal with those specifically rather than ask you about drugs you may never have heard of. In addition, you will only be asked questions that pertain to your gender. These are a few of the changes that will be taking place in the next several years as we continue to upgrade our processes linking all American Red Cross Blood Regions in the country together. If you have any comments or questions about the changes contact **Dave Liethen, Donor Recruitment Representative**, at 227-4247 or by e-mail [liethend@usa.redcross.org](mailto:liethend@usa.redcross.org)

*Thank you to everyone for the increase in blood donations over the holiday season!*

**Together, we can save a life**



## Volunteer Opportunities

### Goodie-bag Stuffing

**When:** Wednesday, May 17, 2006

**Time:** 8:00am-until project completed

**Where:** KI Center,

333 Main St., Green Bay

**Volunteer duties include:** set-up, stuffing goodie bags and take-down.

### Food Tent

**When:** Sunday, May 21, 2006

**Time:** 5:30am-2:30pm

(two shifts will be available)

**Where:** Finish line area on Armed Forces Drive (near the Resch Center), Green Bay

**Volunteer duties include:** set-up, safe preparation of food (cutting bagels, slicing fruit, grilling brats), serving food and beverages to runners and spectators, clean-up and take-down.

*For more information contact Jody Weyers at 920-227-4287 or [weyersj@arclakeland.org](mailto:weyersj@arclakeland.org)*

## Blood Drives

*Please call the American Red Cross donor appointment desk at*

*1-800-626-4017 x 357*

*to make an appointment to donate blood.*

### **DONOR CENTER HOURS**

2131 Deckner Ave., Green Bay

Monday-Thursday: **2:00pm-6:00pm**

Friday: **9:00am-1:00pm**

Saturday: **8:00am-Noon**

**Every Friday, 9:00am to 1:00pm**

Pilgrim Congregational Church  
991 Pilgrim Way, Ashwaubenon

**Monday, February 27,  
12:00pm-6:30pm**

National Guard Armory  
800 N. Military, Green Bay

**FREE PIZZA:** Come in and donate on Thursdays at the Deckner Center and receive a piece of pizza provided by **Papa John's.**

# Health & Safety Services

## Basic Aid Training (B.A.T.) Get the basics and STAY SAFE!

Today, many children at the ages of 8-12 begin taking part in activities away from home and start to become more independent. Many also begin making decisions governing the activities of others. When a child is injured, a friend or sibling is most often the first person at the scene. BAT, an American Red Cross first aid course for children ages 8-12, teaches basic skills and knowledge necessary for children at this age to identify and prevent potentially harmful situations.

### YOU WILL LEARN:

- Step-by-step actions to take in emergencies
- First aid procedures for rescue breathing
- Ways to prevent and care for choking, wounds, nosebleeds, falls, animal bites, bleeding, poisoning, burns, shock, and other emergencies

New to the course curriculum is specialized information, which will fulfill the needs for the Boy Scouts of America Ready Man Pin and the Girl Scouts of America First Aid Merit Badge.

Sign up your children or scout troop today! **The next class is Saturday, March 4, 9am-3pm** at the American Red Cross Lakeland Chapter. The cost is \$12. For more information, please call 920-227-4290.

## Local Red Cross Volunteer goes to help others and needs help herself!

On October 25, 2005, what started out as an opportunity to help others almost turned into a personal disaster. While I was in Orlando, Florida waiting to get my assignment the day after Hurricane Wilma hit Florida a few Red Cross volunteers and I went to lunch at the Ponderosa Steakhouse.

Our waitress's name was Angela Michelle Marlatt "Shelly". While eating a salad, a crouton became lodged in my throat, and I knew I was in trouble. I could not talk or breathe, so I ran outside to try to dislodge the thing myself. I was at the point of losing consciousness when our waitress raced out and asked if I needed help. When I nodded yes, she performed abdominal thrusts on me and saved my life. I am quite sure that I may have stopped breathing entirely, if it had not been for Shelly being observant enough to see I was in trouble and knowing the steps to take to help someone who is choking.

This incident has an important message for everyone. First, if YOU start choking, don't go off by yourself. Embarrassment is a small price to pay for surviving such an incident. Second, if you see someone who seems to be in trouble, ask if they need help. Third, get trained on how to respond and recognize the signs of choking; it's pretty simple and can in fact **SAVE** a life.

A big thank you to Ponderosa Steakhouse in Orlando, Florida, for giving it's employees First Aid Training and to Shelly to stepping up and using her knowledge to save my life.

- Nancy Mirhashemi, Lakeland Chapter Red Cross Volunteer



## Health and Safety Community Class Schedule

All classes held at the American Red Cross  
Lakeland Chapter building at  
2131 Deckner Ave., Green Bay

### Adult CPR/AED & First Aid

Thursday, March 2, 5:30pm-10:00pm *and*  
March 9, 5:30pm-7:30pm

Tuesday, March 14, 5:30pm-10:00pm *and*  
March 21, 5:30pm-7:30pm

Wednesday, March 22, 5:30pm-10:00pm *and*  
March 29, 5:30pm-7:30pm

### Adult CPR/AED, Child & Infant CPR & First Aid

Monday, March 6, 8:00am-5:00pm  
Tuesday, March 7 & 14, 5:30pm-10:00pm

### Infant & Child CPR/AED

Monday, March 20, 10:30am-2:00pm

### CPR/AED for the Professional Rescuer

Monday, March 6 & 13, 5:30pm-10:00pm

### Bloodborne Pathogens Training: Preventing Disease Transmission

Wednesday, March 8, 6:00pm-8:00pm

### Pet First Aid

Tuesday, March 28, 6:00pm-10:00pm

### Babysitter's Training

Saturday, March 4, 8:30am-4:00pm

Saturday, March 11, 8:30am-4:00pm

Saturday, March 18, 8:30am-4:00pm

### Basic Aid Training & Merit Badge Training for Girl and Boy Scouts

Saturday, March 4, 9:00am-3:00pm

For a full schedule or to register for a class call  
920-227-4290 or visit our web site at

[www.arclakeland.org](http://www.arclakeland.org)



Angela Michelle Marlatt "Shelly" (left) and  
Nancy Mirhashemi, Red Cross Volunteer.

# Transportation Services

## Changes in Green Bay's Para-Transit to Increase Use of Lakeland Chapter's Transportation Program

Effective January 15th, 2006, the Para-transit service (which is a specialized transportation service through the Green Bay City Transit mandated by the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) and provided by Medi-vans) has changed the boundaries to  $\frac{3}{4}$  of a mile from any fixed route service (this means from where the city bus runs).

Although in the past, Para-transit would pick people up any where in the service area, due to cutbacks and cost effectiveness, the City Transit has changed the service boundaries to what is mandated by the ADA, and this states  $\frac{3}{4}$  of a mile from any fixed route service.

Since the change took effect, the American Red Cross has seen an increase in requests for our service. The American Red Cross staff is committed to doing all they can to accommodate the needs of all our clients. It is because of our volunteer drivers that we are able to provide this service at a low cost, and we need more volunteer drivers now more than ever to continue to serve our current and future clients needs. If you would like more information on how to volunteer contact **Jody Weyers, Volunteer Director at 920-227-4287.**

### **Facts about the Red Cross Transportation Program:**

**Who is eligible:** Those 60 & older and those with disabilities.

**Hours:** Monday - Friday  
8:00am-4:30pm

**Cost:** \$1.50 per one-way trip

**Rides:** Door-to-Door Service, for medical, nutrition and employment needs in Brown County & Door County

**For more information:** Contact the Transportation Department at 920-227-4272

### **KUDOS To The Pulaski School District**

The American Red Cross would like to send a huge **THANK YOU** to the Pulaski School District for their support in allowing us to use their wash bay to keep our vehicle clean. This vehicle is housed and used to service those in the Pulaski area. Many thanks!

## Inkind Donations:

Thank you to the following groups and individuals for your kindness

**Atonement Lutheran Church**

**Calvery Lutheran Church**

**The Heart Quilting Club**

**Peace Lutheran Church**

**Wayside Zion Lutheran Ladies Aide**

Donations of homemade quilts for families affected by disaster

**Herlache Industrial Supply, Don Morris**

Donation of ear plugs for volunteers going out on national disaster assignments

**Dawn Kuelz**, Digital camera for the Door County Branch Office

## In Memory of

*The American Red Cross Lakeand Chapter appreciates the recent donation in memory and in honor of family, friends and other loved ones.*

**Mr. Tony Cappelle**

*from:* Mrs. Dorothy J. Cappelle  
Richard and Nancy Lamack

**Mr. Ed Davison**

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**Ms. Lynne Rose**

*from:* Co-workers of Prevea Transcription

# March is Red Cross Month

## What is the history of Red Cross Month and why is it significant to our organization?

For the first quarter century of its existence, the Red Cross held no regular fund-raising drives. Since Clara Barton created the organization in 1881, it was largely dependent for publicity and funds on the spontaneous support of people who learned of catastrophic events and the Red Cross response to them. News of an event broke, the American Red Cross rushed to the scene with help, and people around the country came forth with outpourings of volunteer assistance and donations of funds and supplies.

This rather haphazard manner of operating changed abruptly in 1917, when the United States entered World War I. After declaring war, President Wilson ordered the American Red Cross to raise funds to support its aid to the military and civilians affected by war, as Congress had mandated. In response, the Red Cross held its first national War Fund drive in June 1917 and set as its goal \$100 million, an astoundingly large sum at the time. Under the circumstances, however, the public response was immediate and overwhelming. Within a few days, more than \$115 million was raised. Then in December 1917, the Red Cross held its first "Christmas Roll Call." People were asked to give a minimum of \$1 to join the organization's membership rolls. This drive also proved highly successful, as did an additional War Fund drive and another Roll Call in 1918, the last year of the war. After the war, the Red Cross decided to make the Roll Call an annual membership and fund-raising drive.

In November 1941, with war in Europe, the Red Cross conducted a highly successful 25th Annual Roll Call. A few days later the Japanese attacked Pearl Harbor and the United States entered World War II. As it had done in the previous World War, the Red Cross responded immediately by declaring a War Fund campaign. By June 1942, it had raised more than \$66 million. Rather than go back to the public with a third appeal in one year, the Red Cross decided to cancel its 1942 Roll Call. Instead, after discussions with President Roosevelt, the honorary chairman of the Red Cross, the whole month of March 1943 was declared "*Red Cross Month*." The Red Cross set a goal of \$125 million, the largest amount ever requested in one campaign by any American organization. Again, the response was overwhelming. It took less than six weeks to reach the target, and by June 1943 donations totaled nearly \$146 million. Roosevelt called it "The greatest single crusade of mercy in all of history."

This success caused the Red Cross to repeat the March drive during the remaining years of the war and then to make it the occasion of its annual membership and fund-raising efforts ever since. As part of the tradition, the president customarily issues a proclamation each year declaring **March as Red Cross Month**.



## WORLD WAR II RED CROSS MEMORIES

### *Memoirs of Wilma Wait Shuck*

In 1942, I was teaching Home Economics in Sioux Falls, South Dakota at Washington High School. Friends were leaving every month or so to take some sort of a job for the war effort. One day, I made up my mind that I needed to do something other than teaching girls out in South Dakota.

There was, of course, no TV in those days and what war news we got was from the radio and newspapers. Another source of news was Movietone News at the theater. Before each movie there was always a newscast about fifteen minutes long. One evening I went to the theater with a friend and in the Movietone News they showed American Red Cross workers serving doughnuts to soldiers in England from a Red Cross Clubmobile.

The next day, I made an appointment with the Red Cross office and a few days later got notice to report at the American Red Cross headquarters in St. Louis. I learned there that I was being accepted for service in England.

After three months training at American University in Washington DC, our team of five Red Cross workers boarded a ship in the middle of the night in Jersey City, (at that late hour, I suppose for security purposes). With us was a contingent of twenty-five doctors, ninety nurses, and nine hundred servicemen. This group, along with the administration officers, made up the 28th General Hospital and I was going to be a Red Cross hospital recreation worker. Along with our 28th Hospital group there were about 14,000 U.S. troops on board the ship, many more than the normal capacity. The second day at sea we learned that we were on the Queen Mary, which had been converted to wartime use. It took nine days to cross the rough seas of the North Atlantic Ocean that December....to be continued. (Watch for further installments of Wilma's Red Cross Memories in the Summer and Winter issues of Always There.)

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## American Red Cross Lakeland Chapter Spring 2006 Newsletter

### Looking for information?

Visit the Red Cross national web site:

[www.redcross.org](http://www.redcross.org)

or the Lakeland Chapter site at:

[www.arclakeland.org](http://www.arclakeland.org)

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### Lakeland Chapter

#### Serving

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Menominee, Oconto, and  
Shawano Counties



Members of the Brown, Door and  
Shawano County United Way

### American Red Cross Lakeland Chapter Mission Statement

*The American Red Cross Lakeland Chapter delivers humanitarian services locally by helping people prevent, prepare for, and respond to emergencies and anticipate community needs through a volunteer led, community directed organization.*

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