



# Clara Barton Connection

The Clara Barton Society Information Update

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## Welcome New and Renewing Members

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Mr. and Mrs. Joseph C. White

## Clara's Story Inspires Us All

Local Clara Barton Society members continue the work of a humanitarian leader



The American Red Cross is now celebrating its 125th anniversary. And, to think that it

all began with a school teacher named Clara Barton, now one of the most celebrated women in American history.

I love to tell the story of Clara Barton. She was such an inspiration—courageous, determined and humanitarian. Perhaps the word I like to use best to describe her is “pioneer.” She spent her long life blazing trails and breaking down barriers. Clara was a career woman way before her time. She began teaching school at a time when most teachers were men. She was among the first women to gain employment in the federal government. Her keen desire to help others inspired her to risk her life when she was nearly 40 years old to bring medical supplies and support to soldiers in the field during the Civil War. Then, in 1881, at age 60, she founded the American Red Cross, serving as its president for the next 23 years.

Like you, I truly feel honored to carry on Clara Barton's work by supporting the American Red Cross St. Louis Area Chapter. With annual, unrestricted support from Clara Barton Society members like you, the Chapter is able to offer the wide range of programs and services that Clara started 125 years ago to people right here in our community. Through life-saving CPR and first aid classes, water safety programs, disaster relief services, armed forces emergency services, youth programs and senior services, Clara's legacy lives on in the Greater St. Louis area. We've attached “Red News” so that you can learn more about these vital programs and the people who carry them out, thanks to your generous support. I hope you'll take a moment to look at **Red News**.

As members of the Clara Barton Society, please help us to grow our circle of supporters. Do bring a friend to the next Clara Barton

Society reception on **Thursday evening, November 8**. We will have the opportunity to meet and mingle with our fellow Society members and hear the latest pioneering news from our featured speaker, **Joe Becker**, National Preparedness and Response Vice President at the American National Red Cross.

Thank you for being a member of the Clara Barton Society! ■

**Nancy Galvin**  
Chair, Clara Barton Society  
and Development Committee



**Clara Barton**

# Clara Barton Member Dawn Lissner Helps on the Front-Lines and Behind the Scenes

Long-time donor and volunteer values Red Cross donor stewardship



St. Louis Area Chapter

In April of 1993, in the midst of the worst flooding in Missouri history, Dawn Lissner felt compelled to lend a hand. She drove to the Red Cross St. Charles County Service Center and within hours, she was volunteering at a Red Cross shelter, serving meals, providing families with blankets and cots, and giving people hope and comfort when they needed it most.

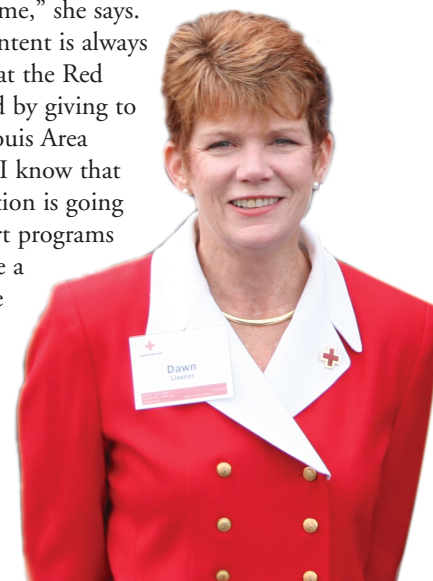
For days, Dawn assisted at the shelter and she was profoundly moved by the people she met and the help she was able to provide. "The floods could have affected any one of us," she explained. "Overnight, people became homeless, unemployed and in some cases, injured, through no fault of their own. To see the Red Cross in action first-hand, I knew I wanted to be a part of this organization. There is nothing more satisfying than helping others."

Thirteen years later, Dawn continues to be a mover-and-shaker at the St. Louis Area Chapter. She is a member of the Clara Barton Society, the Red Cross Board of Directors, and she volunteers weekly at the St. Charles County Service Center.

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When asked what motivates her to give so generously of her time and money, Dawn says, "I grew up in a large family. My mother was widowed at a young age and my siblings and I watched her work hard to

support our family. Now I am at a place in my life when I can give back to the community that has given so much to me," she says. "Donor intent is always honored at the Red Cross and by giving to the St. Louis Area Chapter, I know that my donation is going to support programs that make a difference in our community." ■



## Clara Barton Society Breakfast with Joe White

In May, the St. Louis Area Chapter hosted its annual Clara Barton Society Breakfast at the Deer Creek Club in Ladue. Clara Barton Society members, and members of the Board of Directors were in attendance as Chapter CEO, **Joe White** reported on Red Cross activities at the national and local level, as well as the Chapter's vision for the future. ■



▲ Tia Lindell, External Relations Specialist for State Farm Insurance and Clara Barton Society member James V. Sisson

◀ Clara Barton Society member Anne Shapleigh, Board member Michael Wilson and Clara Barton Society member Debby White



▲ Board member David Peacock and Chapter CEO Joe White



▲ Andrew and Cheryl Masterman with Executive Officer of Development Arthur Hailand



▲ Clara Barton Society member Lois Flippen, Board member Dawn Lissner, Clara Barton Society member Dan Flippen and Board member Vivian M. Luce