

RED NEWS

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Stay tuned: As we go to print, Red Cross volunteers are responding to Hurricane Gustav in Louisiana, Texas, Alabama and Mississippi. A full report will be available in the next edition of Red News. For the latest details, visit www.redcrossstl.org.



“If someone can make it easy for me to get prepared, I’ll do it.”

In a recent poll of the St. Louis area, 79% of respondents agreed with this statement.



Nicole Holtgrefe

Personal Preparedness is the Cornerstone of Disaster Readiness

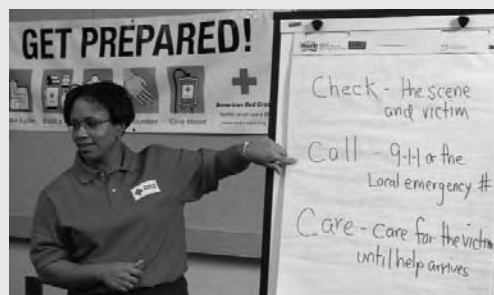
Volunteer today to teach Community Disaster Education



Did you know that **half** of all St. Louis-area residents say they don’t feel prepared for an everyday emergency such as an illness, auto accident, or bad weather? How prepared is your household for an emergency? One sign is your behavior during the office fire drill. Do you stop working and make the walk down the stairs to the exit? Or do you stay at your desk, ignoring the alarm and pleadings of the security staff?

Whether it’s taking part in a fire drill, building an emergency supply kit or changing the batteries in your smoke detector, there are several simple steps you can take to improve your odds in an emergency. While most discussions of disaster preparedness focus on community resources, the most important variable in an emergency is our **individual behavior**. Consider this: if an earthquake strikes our area, it could take three days or more for government agencies to mobilize and begin providing relief. Add several more days if infrastructure is damaged. Do you have everything you need, right now, to take care of yourself and your family? If the answer is “no”, take action today. Visit www.redcrossstl.org to learn how you can **Be Red Cross Ready**.

Once you are personally prepared for emergencies, I implore you to help the Red



Cross spread the message of personal preparedness to the rest of our community. Last year, the Chapter educated a record **100,000 people** but we still have a long way to go. Over one million people in our area lack the necessary skills to respond during an emergency.

Everyone needs to do their part. Here’s how you can help—**sign up today** to be a Red Cross Community Disaster Education (CDE) presenter. We’ll teach you how to present safety topics such as weather hazards, pandemic flu, earthquakes and fires. Our next CDE Instructor Training will be held **Tuesday, October 28**. You can also invite us to educate your office, civic group or organization. To volunteer or to host a class, call **Julia Marsh** at 314-516-2753.

Thanks for your support. ■

Nicole Holtgrefe
Director of Preparedness and Client Services

Thank You, Disaster Volunteers, for Your Service

Massive flood relief operation draws to a close

This spring and summer, the Red Cross responded to more than **30 large-scale disasters** around the country, including floods, fires and hurricanes. In the last edition of *Red News*, we reported on the Central Midwest Flood relief efforts. We wish to thank the following **110** Disaster Services Human Resources (DSHR) volunteers and staff members for helping with the relief efforts across six states including Missouri and Illinois:

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TJ Runge
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Walt Wallheimer
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Texas Welcomes Help from the American Red Cross Following Hurricane Dolly

Eight local volunteers deploy to assist those in need

Hurricane Dolly hit South Padre Island, TX, on July 23 as a Category 2 Hurricane with winds gusting to 120 mph. Over 200,000 Texas residents were left without power and some areas received as much as 16 inches of rain. Dolly weakened as she traveled across the state, but left plenty of damaged communities in her wake.

In anticipation of the storm, Red Cross volunteers and relief supplies were stationed in nearby towns, ready to help in a moments notice. **Crow Brozovich** of Overland, and **Mike Wood** of Granite City, drove the St. Louis Area Chapter's Emergency Response Vehicle (ERV) from St. Louis to San Antonio, TX, where they waited with other volunteers for their assign-

ments. When it was safe to enter the affected areas, Crow and Mike drove the ERV into storm damaged neighborhoods to serve thousands of meals and drinks.

Within hours of Dolly's landfall, six more volunteers left St. Louis to assist in a variety of areas. Mass Care volunteers **Pam Donley** of St. Charles, **Jim and Sheila Ulbrich** of St. Louis, and **Bob Whitlow** of Belleville, IL, assisted in the Red Cross shelters. Joining them was Jefferson County Service Center Supervisor **Dale Chambers**, a first-timer in the Partner Services role, and **Teena Kilo** of Festus, a newcomer in Financial and Statistical Information Management.

Thank you to these eight volunteers for giving more than two weeks of their summer to help hurricane victims get back on their feet. ■

*If you are interested in volunteering during large national disasters, become a member of the Disaster Services Human Resources (DSHR) team. For more information contact **Jeannie Edington** at 314.516.2762 or e-mail Jeannie at redington@redcrossstl.org.*

An aerial view of homes in Southern Texas flooded by Hurricane Dolly.



Quick Facts: Hurricane Dolly Relief Operation

- 10 shelters opened
- 4,600 overnight stays provided
- 1.3 million meals and snacks served
- 675 Red Cross workers on the scene
- 44 ERVs deployed



Red Cross ERVs load hot meals in Robstown, TX.

Strength in Numbers

How you've helped during the months of May, June and July

Quarterly Recap



85,000+ meals and snacks were served by Red Cross volunteers to flood victims in Missouri and Illinois.

Disaster Action Teams responded to **145** fires, helping **484** displaced individuals obtain essentials like food, clothing and a place to stay.

97 volunteers were deployed on national disaster relief assignments in **6** states.

5,269 emergency personnel were canteened at the scene of local disasters.

Community Disaster Education presenters reached **25,788** individuals through **814** presentations.

\$47,877 of financial assistance was provided to members of armed forces.

405 members of the military received emergency communications from their loved ones here in the St. Louis area. ■



Red Cross Announces Major Donation from Emerson in Support of Local Red Cross Service to the Armed Forces

Partnership is announced at event for patients at Jefferson Barracks VA Hospital

Recently, the St. Louis Area Chapter hosted a barbeque at Jefferson Barracks VA Hospital to honor military members and their families. The event was attended by over **100** veterans as well as **50** Red Cross volunteers. During the event, the Chapter

announced that St. Louis-based **Emerson** is donating **\$300,000** over three years to help fund the local Red Cross Service to the Armed Forces (SAF) program, which provides a variety of services to active duty members of the U.S. military and their families in the St. Louis region, as well as military veterans living here.



EMERSON

announced that St. Louis-based Emerson is donating

Emerson's corporate gift helps to fund day-to-day support for Red Cross emergency communication services, financial assistance, education, and referrals for active members of all five military branches, including the National Guard and Reserves.

“As a result of Emerson’s generous support, we’re able to enhance the services our Chapter offers to veterans at local VA hospitals.”

—Nancy Bates, Executive Officer of Emergency Services



Volunteer, Patty Lee, visits with a veteran at Jefferson Barracks VA Hospital.

strengthen their services for members of the military and their families in the St. Louis area, and to enhance services to veterans at local VA hospitals,” said **Robert M. Cox, Jr.**, Emerson senior vice president-administration.

Thanks to generous donors like Emerson and committed volunteers who give their time, the Red Cross continues its 125-year commitment to providing services to the men and women of the armed forces . ■

For more information about Red Cross Service to the Armed Forces, please call **Alice Dyle** at 314-516-2843 or visit www.redcrossstl.org.



Red Cross volunteers deliver gift bags to patients in their hospital rooms at Jefferson Barracks VA hospital.

In addition, the Emerson gift will be used to help expand Red Cross services for patients at the St. Louis VA Medical Center's Jefferson Barracks facilities and at midtown's John Cochran VA Hospital where Chapter volunteers host weekly Bingo games for patients and Red Cross YouthCorps members visit patients on a regular basis and lead them in doing fun activities.

“Emerson is proud to make this donation to the American Red Cross St. Louis Area Chapter which will help support and

Red Cross Needs Your Help

Volunteers needed to perform a variety of services at local VA hospitals



In an effort to expand our Service to the Armed Forces program, the St. Louis Area Chapter has partnered with local Veterans

Administration hospitals to provide services to military members and their

families. Volunteers are needed to help with a variety of tasks at Jefferson Barracks and John Cochran Hospitals. Positions include:

- Cemetery Aid
- Nursing Assistant
- Resident Escort
- Volunteer Visitor

No previous experience is necessary, just a willingness to help. On the job training will be provided and shifts are flexible. ■

If you are interested or would like more information, please contact **Nicole Holtgrefe** at 314.516.2755 or e-mail Nicole at nholtgrefe@redcrossstl.org.

Red Cross History Archived by Local Volunteer

Memorabilia collector Karen Wamble shares her collection



Long time volunteer, **Karen Wamble**, knows a thing or two about Red Cross history. When she's not assisting

in the St. Charles County Service Center, responding to fires or providing outreach to disaster clients, Karen can often be found scouring the Internet for Red Cross memorabilia. In less than a year, she has amassed a collection of more than 1,000 items.

A few weeks ago, Karen sat down with *Red News* to talk about her extensive collection which includes pins, books, certificates, posters, handwritten postcards, hats, patches and much more. Within minutes of talking with Karen, it was easy to see that the history surrounding the memorabilia inspires her passion for the Red Cross.

"This was my very first piece," she said, holding up a small pin. "It's a WWI canteen pin issued by National Headquarters in Washington DC." Canteen pins like Karen's were worn by thousands of Red Cross workers who served drinks and food and also offered encouragement to more than 15 million troops from 1914–1919.

"This pin is a numbered Nurses Badge," she said, holding a gold circular pin with a red cross in the center. "I think the numbers were for ID purposes. Nurses would wear the pins out in the field and if something were to

happen, the pins would help to recognize the person; just like dog tags for military members."

"Rare items are my favorite," she said, picking up a small, bound book. "I have a prospectus from 1898 for Clara Barton's book, The Red Cross: In Peace and War." The prospectus was issued to Red Cross chapters across the country, outlining Ms. Barton's intention to publish her book. "One prospectus was issued to each chap-

"I am committed to the Red Cross because when disasters strike and people are at their lowest, the Red Cross is first on the scene to make the sun shine again. It's very fulfilling work."

—Karen Wamble

ter," Karen explained. "I paid over \$100 for this one and I think it would have cost a lot more if people knew how rare it is."

To find items, Karen visits Goodwill and online auction sites like eBay. Along the way she has met and befriended other Red Cross memorabilia collectors. "I met other collectors online who happened to be bidding for the same items I wanted. After a while we started to talk with one another and agreed not to bid on the same things." Two collectors she befriended are **Mike Riley** from Washington State and **Keith Roberson** from Maryland. "These two have incredible collections and they taught me so much about the history of the memorabilia."

One of Karen's more unusual items is a "cavity cleaner cork pick". This small, thin, metal toothpick branded with the Red

Cross logo was issued to soldiers during WWII. "The Red Cross used to produce tons of unique things like this during war times. You just don't see these sorts of things nowadays."

Another unique item is the Red Cross "Housewife". During WWII, the Red Cross issued a "how-to" guide for making small kits containing basic sewing supplies like needles, safety pins, thread and buttons. The kits, affectionately named "Housewives", were shipped overseas to American service men by the thousands.

Karen's collecting has inspired her family members to get involved. "My husband helps me find things now," she said. Her grandson, **Payton**, has also caught the bug. "He's my little Red Crosser. He helps me organize my pins."

When asked how long she intends to collect Red Cross memorabilia, Karen's quick with an answer. "I'll always be interested in Red Cross history for the same reason I volunteer—I believe in the mission." ■



Karen Wamble poses with items from her Red Cross memorabilia collection.





Are You Trained to Respond to Emergencies?

Sign up today for free disaster training

Are you interested in earning additional training certifications? As always, volunteers can enroll **free of charge** in Red Cross disaster courses. Remember to sign up early because classes may close due to maximum capacity. Most disaster courses have a minimum enrollment of eight participants. Because of this, we ask that you be considerate of others who have registered by arriving to your courses on time. If you need to remove your name from a class roster, **please call or email your cancellation request at least one week prior to the start of the class.**

Please refer to the calendar below for the latest course offerings. Choose the date and time that works best for you.

Course Name	Date	Time	Location
Fulfilling Our Mission	Thur 10/16	6:30-9p	Chapter Headquarters
Shelter Operations & Simulation	Mon 10/20 and Tue 10/21	6-10p both nights	St. Charles County Service Center
Shelter Operations & Simulation	Thur 10/23 and Fri 10/24	6-10p both nights	Jefferson County Service Center
Financial & Statistical Information Management	Fri 11/7	8a-12p	Chapter Headquarters
Fulfilling Our Mission	Fri 11/7	2-4:30p	Chapter Headquarters
Client Casework: PEA	Sat 11/8	8a-5p	Chapter Headquarters
Defensive Driving	Sat 11/8	8a-12p	Chapter Headquarters
Fundamentals of Disaster Assessment (part 2 of 2)	Sat 11/8	1-5p	Chapter Headquarters
Logistics: Overview & Simulation	Sat 11/8	8a-5p	Chapter Headquarters
Client Casework: PEA	Mon 11/17 and Tue 11/18	6-10p both nights	St. Charles County Service Center
Client Casework: PEA	Mon 11/24 and Tue 11/25	6-10p both nights	Metro East Service Center
Fulfilling Our Mission	Fri 12/5	1-3:30p	Chapter Headquarters
Client Casework: PEA	Thur 12/11 and Fri 12/12	6-10p both nights	Jefferson County Service Center

To register, or for questions please call **Stephanie Landess** at 314.516.2756 or e-mail Stephanie at slandess@redcrossstl.org.

Enter to Win a Ready-To-Go Emergency Preparedness Kit!

Submit your answer to the trivia question and you could be our next winner

Congratulations to Disaster Action Team Leader **Norman Bellairs**

for correctly answering our last Red News quiz question:

Q: How many fundamental principles make up the International Red Cross and Red Crescent movement?

A: Seven: humanity, impartiality, neutrality, independence, voluntary service, unity, and universality.

Here is your next opportunity to win! ▶

Send your answer to **Stephanie Landess** at 314.516.2756 or e-mail Stephanie at slandess@redcrossstl.org by October 31 and you will be entered to win a Ready-To-Go Emergency Preparedness Kit—a **\$40 value!** ■

QUESTION:
Which disaster—floods, fires or earthquakes—are most Americans at greatest risk for in an average year?



Norman Bellairs



Red Cross Welcomes 24 New Volunteers

More hands on deck to serve the St. Louis area

Volunteers are the heart of the American Red Cross. We depend on **1.4 million** volunteers nationwide and over **1,500** in the Greater St. Louis area to carry out our mission as the world's leading humanitarian relief agency. Thank you for giving so generously of your time. Welcome to the folks who have joined the Chapter between May and July 2008:

Name	Service Center	Job
Bethany Baker	Headquarters	DAT
Dale Birch	Headquarters	DAT/Dispatch
Stephynie Christensen	Metro East	DAT
Krista Coslet	St. Charles Co.	DAT
Allison Dahlen	Headquarters	DAT
Matthew Dahlen	Headquarters	DAT
Deno Fabbre	Headquarters	DAT
Rich Franz	Headquarters	CDE
Larry Griffin	Headquarters	DAT
Bob Griscom	Headquarters	DAT
Mary Griscom	Headquarters	DAT
Kyrus Harrington	Headquarters	DAT

CDE = Community Disaster Education Presenter
 DAT = Disaster Action Team Member

Name	Service Center	Job
Cynthia Kelly	Metro East	DAT
Terry Knight	Headquarters	DSHR
Stacey Lozina	Headquarters	DAT
Rebecca McBrady	Headquarters	DAT/DSHR
Teresa McNamee	Headquarters	DAT
Karen McNeal	Headquarters	DAT
Carla Miller	Headquarters	DAT
Christy Moses	St. Charles Co.	DAT
Tim Mosley	Headquarters	DAT
Judy Schaefer	Metro East	DAT
Shirley Strom	Headquarters	DAT
Cheryl Wingbermuehle	Headquarters	CDE

Dispatch = Disaster Services Communications Center Dispatcher
 DSHR = Disaster Services Human Resources Member

Become a Hero in Your Community

Red Cross hosts community-based CPR trainings, CDE classes and blood drives

Heroes abound in the Greater St. Louis community thanks in part to Red Cross Community Heroes Events. The Red Cross and local municipalities are teaming up to encourage the public to take three steps: 1. donate blood, 2. learn CPR and 3. prepare for emergencies. Since the first event in July, 2006, **more than 275 people**

Chapter and Blood Services staff pose with County Executive Charlie Dooley at the St. Louis County Community Heroes event on July 26.



have been trained in **CPR** and **over 140 people** have donated **blood**.

"I volunteered for the St. Louis County Community Hero event on July 26," said Red Cross volunteer **Barbara Dierstein**. "During the event, St. Louis County residents donated blood and 27 individuals received CPR certification. All of these people are now ready to save a life because they got trained. How amazing is that!"

Children can become Community Heroes too. While you give blood, your children can learn how to prepare for emergencies such as home fires, earthquakes and floods.

We invite you to attend an upcoming Community Heroes event:

- **October 4**, City of Hillsboro/ Jefferson County, Knights of Columbus, 9330 Highway 21

- **November 8**, City of St. Louis, Cardinal Ritter Prep High School, 701 North Spring Ave.

The 30-minute disaster presentations and blood donations are available from 11:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m. The CPR class is from 8:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m.

Thanks to the generous sponsorship of Edward Jones, The Taylor Family, Enterprise Rent-a-Car Foundation, the United Way of Greater St. Louis and local municipalities, CPR training at Community Heroes events is **\$10**—a \$46 value! All registrants receive a free commemorative t-shirt. Sign up today! ■

Registration is required for CPR training. Please visit www.redcrossstl.org to register or to learn more about Community Heroes Events.





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The American Red Cross St. Louis Area Chapter provides relief to victims of disasters and helps people prevent, prepare for and respond to emergencies.

American Red Cross
St. Louis Area Chapter Program Sites:

- Jefferson County Service Center • 636.464.9150
- Metro East Service Center • 618.397.4600
- St. Charles County Service Center • 636.397.1074
- Scott Air Force Base Service Center • 618.256.1855



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- Enterprise Rent-A-Car Foundation
- Franklin County Area United Way
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- United Way of Greater St. Louis
- William T. Kemper Foundation—Commerce Bank Trustee

Red Cross has supplies to keep your family safe.



“We keep a first aid kit in our home and our car. You never know when an emergency will arise. We want to be prepared.”

**—Joan and Melissa Knappenberger
Disaster Action Team volunteers**

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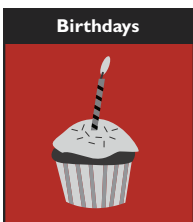
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Happy Birthday

Celebrate and enjoy your day

- Lou Maull IV** 11/5
- Sarah Sherman** 11/5
- Ami Neiser** 11/6
- Sam Pessin** 11/6
- Joy Cooper-Presson** 11/9
- Kris Johnson** 11/9
- Janette Dietzler** 11/10
- Amy Bonsall** 11/12

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When this edition of Red News went to print, the Red Cross was actively responding to Hurricane Gustav. Stay tuned for a full report on the relief efforts in the upcoming Winter edition.



After a Busy Summer, Chapter Headquarters Volunteers Gear Up for Fall

Thank you volunteers for your commitment to making this year a success

By Mary Anderson, Director of Disaster Readiness and Response

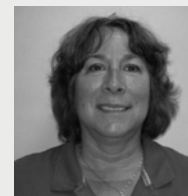
When flooding and hurricanes affected hundreds of thousands in the Central and Southern United States this summer, volunteers once again showed their dedication and commitment to helping others in times of disaster.

While the Chapter responded to flooding in Missouri and Illinois, our Disaster Action Team (DAT) members were busy responding to **95 fires**, providing assistance to **243 individuals** and serving drinks and snacks to **4,089 emergency responders** during June and July. A heartfelt thanks to everyone who responded to help these individuals begin the road to recovery. A huge thank you also goes to everyone that helped fill in on DAT while nearly 100 of our volunteers assisted with the June flooding in Missouri and Illinois. We appreciate all that you do to carry out the Red Cross mission.

One of the DAT responses that will stay with all of us for quite some time took place on Monday, July 21. At approximately 7:45 a.m., **Annetta Kuechler** and **Renee Washington** were called to canteen a fire in Maplewood. Upon arriving at the scene they knew it was not a routine call. Firefighters were battling a car fire and police were surrounding the house of a man believed to have a gun. The man was later identified as the individual who killed Firefighter

Paramedic **Ryan Hummert** and injured two police officers. Since emergency personnel were on the scene for hours determining the sequence of events, **Norman Bellairs, Tiffany Borrine,** and **Jim Sparks** relieved Annetta and Renee in the afternoon so the two could respond to another fire.

Later in the week, Chapter Headquarters received a call requesting canteen services for the hundreds of people expected to attend Mr. Hummert's visitation and funeral. The visitation took place on Thursday, July 24, at J.B. Smith Funeral Home in Maplewood and was well attended by many members of the



Carol Dettleff

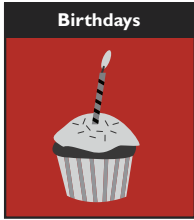


Donna Peters

emergency response community. DAT members **Barbara Ann Barbato, Carol Dettleff, Dan Faber, Elaine Hegel, Donna Peters,** and **Pam Smith** were on hand to canteen 700 visitors.

On the day of the funeral, temperatures remained in the 80's but the humidity soared because of the wet conditions. The hundreds of emergency responders attending the service were dressed in heavy uniforms and several of the men and women began experiencing heat related illnesses.

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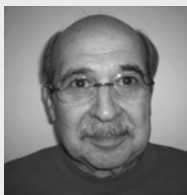
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Gayle Garrett	11/13	Dennis Van Ronzelen	11/26	Carol Dettleff	12/17	Tim Ogier	1/14
Susan Isenberg	11/13	Matt Huelsing	11/27	Donna Sanders	12/17	Dena Stokes	1/14
Margaret Johnson	11/14	Nancy Wesche	11/27	Bob Peters	12/20	Gordon Whitehead	1/14
John Paruch	11/14	Ken Decker	11/28	Paul Detrick	12/21	Da Vette Wade	1/15
Michelle Derby	11/16	Jessica Erwin	11/29	Patsy Smothers	12/22	Jennifer Lockwood	1/16
Smita Sebastian	11/17	Sarah Wood	11/29	Holly Layton	12/25	Gabe Smith	1/16
Chris Bellers	11/20	Roland Jackson	11/30	Karen Proffitt	12/26	Liz Downey	1/18
Suzanne Kenyon	11/21	Joe Bollinger	12/3	Alyce Kaster	12/27	Bradley Irwin	1/18
Donna Davis	11/23	Stephen DuMontier	12/6	Jim Orling	12/29	Michelle Van Der Beck	1/18
Larry Vertrees	11/24	Peggy Powell	12/6	Donna Null	1/1	Kelli Glasco	1/20
Joe Harper	11/25	Diane Ruezinsky	12/7	Crystal Botkin	1/2	James Sisson	1/20
		Jack Wahl	12/7	Joan Knappenberger	1/4	Karen Leonard	1/21
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		Chris Court	12/11	Chris Schnieders	1/8	Barbara Lawshea	1/30
		Gerald Muhammad	12/11	Don Mueller	1/10	Stacy Dotson	1/31
		Margaret Phillips	12/11	Pat Andre	1/11		
		Tracy Glazebrook	12/12	Sandra Becker-			
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		Larry Helling	12/16	Jean Amptmann	1/14		

After a Busy Summer, Chapter Headquarters Volunteers Gear Up for Fall

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The role of the Red Cross quickly expanded from providing canteen services to also administering first aid. Wet towels and bottles of water were brought to those suffering from the heat in an effort to provide relief as quickly as possible.

At the cemetery, volunteers **Norman Bellairs, Joanie Knappenberger, Dallas Leavitt, Bob Marshak,**

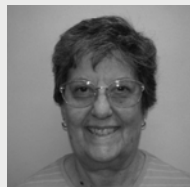


Carl Moskowitz

John McFee, Carl Moskowitz and Jim Sparks provided 1,380 drinks, snacks, and meals. For everyone that was part of the cere-

mony, and for those in attendance, it was truly an emotional and moving experience. Thank you to all of the volunteers for representing the Red Cross and providing on-the-scene help and canteen services during the visitation and funeral.

The summer months were also busy for our Community Disaster Education (CDE) presenters. Volunteers **Barbara Dierstein** and **Curt Overbey**, along with staff member **Julia Marsh**, reached **1,900 individuals** in the St. Louis City and County area through **21 disaster related presentations**. Thank you **Barbara and Curt** and all of our CDE presenters for your hard work.



Barbara Dierstein

June 1 was the official beginning of hurricane season and it looks to be an active season. Several of our volunteers deployed to Hurricane Dolly in Southern Texas to help with feeding, sheltering, government relations and logistics. Thank you **Crow**

Brozovich, Pam Donley, Teena Kilo, Jim Ulbrich, Sheila Ulbrich, Bob Whitlow and Mike Wood. These seven DSHR volunteers gave two weeks or more of their summers to help those in Dolly's wake.

Since the hurricane season lasts until November 30, there is still a need to have as many people available as possible to help with future responses. If you have not updated your online Disaster Services Human Resource (DSHR) profile recently, now is a great time. If you aren't a DSHR member, and you are interested in deploying for local or national assignments, please pick up an application the next time you're in the office. Let us know if you have any questions. We're more than happy to provide answers.

Thank you again to each and every one of you who donate your valuable time and energy to making this organization run as smoothly as it does. You help the Red Cross serve our community in so many ways. ■

Service Milestones



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Name	Start Date	Years of Service	Name	Start Date	Years of Service	Name	Start Date	Years of Service
Larry Helling	11/07	1	Greg Hoette	11/02	6	Gloria Vertrees	1/08	1
Jessica Jenkins	11/07	1	Gordon Whitehead	11/98	10	Larry Vertrees	1/08	1
Eunice Kopp	11/07	1	Elaine Bresee	11/95	13	Pat Lemley	1/07	2
Holly Layton	11/07	1	Curt Overbey	11/95	13	Jennifer Morgan	1/07	2
Patty Lee	11/07	1	Dan Faber	11/94	14	Sarah Oldham	1/07	2
Carl Moskowitz	11/07	1	Laurie Bainter	12/07	1	Terry Sanders	1/07	2
Ntasiah Shaw	11/07	1	Leonardo Capotorto	12/07	1	Elizabeth Schasteen	1/07	2
Sarah Stevens	11/07	1	Steven Cliffe	12/07	1	Heidi Scott	1/07	2
Sarah Wood	11/07	1	Matt Johnson	12/07	1	Hope Smith	1/07	2
James Baker	11/06	2	Jennifer Lockwood	12/07	1	Steve Swift	1/07	2
Crow Brozovich	11/06	2	Kelli McCurdy	12/07	1	Michelle Van Der Beck	1/07	2
Chuck Curtis	11/06	2	Marv McNeese	12/07	1	Sara Weiner	1/07	2
Lynne Curtis	11/06	2	Olufunke Oluyemi	12/07	1	Jennifer Spencer	1/06	3
Stephen DuMontier	11/06	2	Newton Siegel	12/07	1	Joe Harper	1/05	4
Julie King	11/06	2	Matthew Stevens	12/07	1	Joan Knappenberger	1/05	4
Dallas Leavitt	11/06	2	Abby Stowers	12/07	1	Sharon Ryback	1/05	4
Bill Young	11/06	2	Susan Weedman	12/07	1	Erin Savage	1/05	4
MaryAnn Blanke	11/05	3	Becky Donley	12/06	2	Colleen Strohmeier	1/05	4
Michelle Derby	11/05	3	Sandy White	12/06	2	Rick Barnett	1/03	6
Tammie Lorden	11/05	3	Gloria Besterfield	12/05	3	Judy Jehling	1/03	6
Lynne Marshall-Johnson	11/05	3	Debbie Christmann	12/05	3	Greg Stevens	1/03	6
Gina Mikel	11/05	3	DeAndre Sisson	12/05	3	John Garavaglia	1/02	7
Tim Ogier	11/05	3	Karen Leonard	12/04	4	Cheryl Kirchgessner	1/02	7
Dorothy Parker	11/05	3	Todd Greenstein	12/02	6	Kevin Kirchgessner	1/02	7
Phillip Parker	11/05	3	Jim Sparks	12/01	7	Sandy Soll	1/02	7
Mary Schwarzbauer	11/05	3	Kathy Higgs	12/98	10	Lou Maul IV	1/99	10
Sue Worley	11/05	3	Dorothy Staples	12/98	10	Jim Oberholz	1/99	10
Mike Gewin	11/04	4	Jay Metcalfe	12/97	11	Margaret Phillips	1/99	10
Amy Heidotten	11/04	4	Mildred Smith	12/96	12	Jim Hamann	1/98	11
Barbara Lawshea	11/04	4	Glen Edwards	12/91	17	Robert Wills	1/98	11
			Diana Day	1/08	1	Bob Schenk	1/91	18



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Happy Birthday Celebrate and enjoy your day

Loretta Buehrle	11/2
Linda Johnson	11/10
Susan Schneider	11/10
Kevin Hamilton	11/12
Lavon Gilliland	11/16
Mike Daniels	11/20
Tiffany Haines	11/27
Dave Mayden	12/1
Hope Woodson	12/4
Jessica Koester	12/6
Michele Treacy	12/13
Christy Moses	12/14
Pat Sheeley	12/18
Rich Oney	12/23
Janet Benne	1/9
Carolynn James	1/12
Krista Coslet	1/23
Fran Nolting	1/26

After a Busy Summer, St. Charles County Service Center Volunteers Gear Up for Fall

Thank you volunteers for your commitment to making this year a success

By Brad Farber, Service Center Supervisor

When flooding and hurricanes affected hundreds of thousands in the Central and Southern United States this summer, volunteers once again showed their dedication and commitment to helping others in times of disaster.

Thank you to everyone who responded to the various flooding events in Missouri, Illinois and four other states. The residents of these areas truly appreciate the great work that you did.

While volunteers responded to flooding, our Disaster Action Team (DAT) members did a great job of multi-tasking. When they weren't assessing flood damage or helping clients at Winfield High School, the DAT kept busy with **7 fire responses**. In total our volunteers were able to assist **eight families** and provide canteen services to **253 emergency responders**. A heart-felt thanks to those who answered the call: **Larry Boyer, Micah Conner, Bob Fortner, Loretta Fortner, Jeff Fugate, Lavon Gilliland, Allan Kalmar, John Meisenbacher, Theresa Meisenbacher, Robert Miller, Bob Murphy, John Senn, Pat Sheeley, John Stamelos, and Karen Wamble.**

In between the flooding over Memorial Day weekend and again in mid June, **Micah Conner, John Meisenbacher, Theresa Meisenbacher, and Pat Sheeley** responded to an unusual call worth noting. The Omaha, a towing vessel, ran aground on the Missouri River in northeastern St. Charles

County. Luckily no one was injured, but the boat didn't fare so well. Canteen services were provided to the **105 emergency responders** and lunch was served to those who were still there at noon. Several emergency crews were required to clean up the resulting fuel spill. Thanks, team for enduring the diesel fumes, weeds, and bugs!

On Saturday, August 2, a benefit concert was held at Frontier Park in downtown St. Charles to raise money for flood relief. The St. Charles Chamber of Commerce, St. Charles and St. Peters Jaycees, St. Charles County Association of Realtors, First Financial Federal Credit Union, U.D. Title Guaranty Company, and Ameristar Casino partnered to sponsor the event, which also featured Matt Neustadt from the hit TV show "Farmer Wants a Wife" along with magicians and jugglers to entertain the crowd. From 2:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m., concert goers were treated to the musical stylings of Country Folk, The Rough Ryders, Jasha and the Sixty Minute Men, and Contagious. Proceeds from the sale of food and drinks went directly to the Red Cross National Disaster Relief Fund. Although the weather was a bit warm a good time was had by all. Our volunteers set up an information booth and were able to visit with quite a few St. Charles County residents. **Larry Boyer, Loretta Buehrle, Jeanne Deutch, Jamie Farber,**

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Michelle Fieser, Mike Fieser, Lavon Gilliland, Kevin Hamilton, John Meisenbacher, Theresa Meisenbacher, Lori Moomey, Bob Murphy, Fran Nolting, Jean Smyth, John Stamelos, and Michelle Treacy were all on hand to help make this event the huge success that it was. Thanks, everyone!

Of course no event would be complete without a surprise or two. Around 6:45 p.m. that night, our DAT received a call to respond to the scene of a multi-family fire. **John Meisenbacher, Theresa Meisenbacher, and Fran Nolting** were able to assist **three families** with their emergency needs and provided canteen services to **40 emergency responders**. Thanks for pitching in and getting the job done!

While our summer was full of disaster responses, our Community Disaster Education (CDE) presenters managed to keep themselves busy as well. Volunteers and staff members combined their efforts to exceed our annual goals. Thanks to **Kathy Blundon, Loretta Buehrle, Bill Dennager, Nancy Dennager, Marie Major, Ina Obenland, Chere Rhae, Jessica Rhodes, and Jean Smyth** for



Michelle and Mike Fieser



Lavon Gilliland



Larry Boyer and Bob Murphy

Jean Deutch and Fran Nolting



Lori Moomey

bringing life saving information to **15,900 individuals** in St. Charles County. That's 400 more than our goal for the year! Great job, team!

Mark your calendars for upcoming volunteer meetings:

When: 3rd Saturday of the month—
October 28, November 15,
December 20

Time: 9:00 a.m. - 10:30 a.m.

Location: Non Profit Development Center,
425 Spencer Road,
St. Peters, MO 63376
behind Spencer Library

Thank you everyone for making St. Charles County a better place to live. You truly are the heart and soul of this organization. We couldn't do it without you! ■

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Cathy Zehner	11/07	1	Sheila Harris-Wheeler	12/06	2	Yolanda Stringer	1/06	3
John Duddy	11/06	2	Hope Woodson	12/06	2	Pam Donley	1/05	4
Elizabeth VanScoyk	11/06	2	Fran Nolting	12/05	3	John Meisenbacher	1/05	4
Gail Michel	11/05	3	Mark Senda	12/05	3	Theresa Meisenbacher	1/05	4
John Rolfes	11/05	3	Michele Treacy	12/05	3	Jean Smyth	1/05	4
Karen Wamble	11/05	3	Dave Mayden	12/04	4	Tammy Green	1/02	7
Lavon Gilliland	11/01	7	Brian Crees	1/08	1	John Stamelos	1/84	25
Cole Waltermann	12/07	1	Chet Mika	1/06	3			

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Birthdays



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Stephynie Christensen	11/4
Chuck Carter	11/7
Bob Whitlow	11/12
Denise Wallheimer	11/14
Skip Bryant	11/25
Michelle Devan	11/25
Liz Carter	12/1
Tonda Van Hoose	12/5
Craig Fleming	12/23
Roy Koberna	12/23
Carol Davis	12/29
Brian Evans	12/29
June Pierson	12/29
Judy Schaefer	1/6
Danielle Carr	1/20
Donald Williams	1/26

After a Busy Summer, Metro East Service Center Volunteers Gear Up for Fall

Thank you volunteers for your commitment to making this year a success

By Sandy Vaughn, Service Center Supervisor

When flooding and hurricanes affected hundreds of thousands in the Central and Southern United States this summer, volunteers once again showed their dedication and commitment to helping others in times of disaster.

In addition to their usual duties, several of our volunteers assisted with flood relief in Iowa, Indiana, Illinois, Missouri and Texas. Volunteers **Don Barkley, Dave Daly, Craig Fleming, June Pierson, Denise Wallheimer, Walt Wallheimer, Bob Whitlow, and Mike Wood** spent a number of weeks helping on the front lines and behind the scenes in the St. Louis Area and/or Texas for Hurricane Dolly. **Connie Bergmann, Bill Thien, Jackie Trice** and I set aside our regular workloads to help those affected by the Mississippi River flooding in June. A big "thank you" to everyone who helped during the active summer months.

While on the subject of flooding relief, **H.E.L.P. for Mom Preschool & Daycare** in Lebanon, Illinois, operated a lemonade stand to raise funds to help flood victims. When all was said and done, the group was able to raise \$200. Their next activity was a field trip to the Metro East Service Center to present their donation to the Red Cross. For their efforts, the kids were given a tour of the facility and participated in a couple of disaster education activities. Thanks, everyone for your hard work and thoughtfulness!

Our Disaster Action Team (DAT) members responded to **52 fires**, assisted **142**

individuals and provided canteen services to **1,117 emergency responders** during the summer months. We'd like to extend a hearty thank you to all of you who responded: **Don Barkley, Al Boucher, Stephynie Christensen, Dave Daly, Brian Evans, Craig Fleming, Jim Ford, Bryan Kohler, Stacy Milligan, Cathy Murphy, Mike Murphy, Kim Muskopf, Alicia Self, Frank Sharon, Desiree Sierra, Tonda Van Hoose, Rae Ellen Vogeler, Denise Wallheimer, Walt Wallheimer, Rich Wiesen, and Jeff Wynan.**

One of the more memorable DAT responses took place in July. **Stephynie Christensen** and **Brian Evans** were called to a fire at Park Haven Care Center, a nursing home and mental health facility in Smithton, Illinois. When they arrived, it was clear that they would need more help and supplies. **Bill Thien** and I picked up the shelter trailer from the office and met Stephynie and Brian at St. John's Catholic Church where we set up a temporary shelter for 70 residents. **Barb**

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Whitaker, of the St. Clair County Health Department, was also there to make sure the transition went smoothly. Once everything was in place, the Park Haven staff was able to take over and get their residents settled in for the night.

AmeriCorps and VISTA members along with our Community Disaster Education (CDE) volunteer presenters ended the summer on a strong note. After all the numbers were tallied and the reports completed, our folks reached **10,396 individuals** through **508 presentations!** Great job, everyone!

Leading the way with CDE presentations was our group of Volunteers in Service to America (VISTA) members. **Bridget Adams, Lindsay Ayers, Matt Jannings, Molly McMillin, Cory Nance, Shae Parker, and Tabitha Pitt** brought life saving disaster preparedness messages to over **8,500 children** through games and activities. This group of enthusiastic high school graduates and college students traveled to local summer camps at the Jackie Joyner Kersee Center, Wilson Park, area YMCAs, and the

Belleville area. When not presenting, VISTA members spent time at the Disaster Services Field Center warehouse in St. Louis. Some of their biggest tasks were updating the toothpaste tubes in comfort kits and storing cots that had been used during the summer floods. Thanks, everyone and good luck during the school year!

On August 1, the City of Collinsville, Illinois, partnered with the Collinsville School District to bring the annual First Day: Celebrating Families Festival to the Gateway Center. With its family and education focus, the festival was the perfect place for our CDE volunteers to spread our valuable message to area residents.

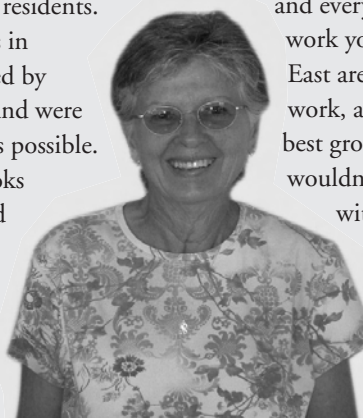
In fact, many of the kids in attendance were intrigued by our disaster knowledge and were eager to learn as much as possible. “Be Ready” coloring books and other disaster related literature was extremely popular that day.

As this edition of the newsletter comes to an end, I have both

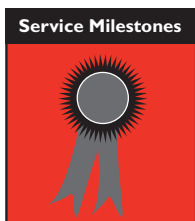
happy and sad news to report. The happy news is that AmeriCorps member, **Alicia Self** has decided to stay on for another term. Just when we thought we would have to say goodbye, we get to say hello again. Great to have you back, Alicia!

Sadly, we are saying goodbye to long-time staff member, **Rosalie Braeutigam**. After 17 years of diligent service to the Red Cross, Rosalie has decided to join the ranks of the retired so that she can enjoy a life of leisure. The entire Red Cross family wishes Rosalie the best of luck and we will miss her greatly!

Finally, I’d like to thank each and every one of you for all the work you do to make the Metro East area a better place to live, work, and play. We truly have the best group of volunteers, and we wouldn’t be able to do this without you! ■



Rosalie Braeutigam



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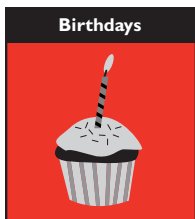
Name	Start Date	Years of Service
Kim Musskopf	11/07	1
Donald Williams	11/07	1
Terri Shaw	11/06	2
Frank Sharon	11/02	6
Skip Bryant	11/91	17
Brian Evans	12/07	1
Donna Whitlow	12/06	2
Beth Hendrix	12/05	3
June Pierson	12/85	33
Morenika Somerville	1/08	1

Name	Start Date	Years of Service
Al Boucher	1/07	2
Viveka Ferrell	1/07	2
Bill Micka	1/05	4
Bob Whitlow	1/05	4
David Caisse	1/99	10
Donna Wiesen	1/99	10
Rae Ellen Vogeler	1/96	13
Chuck Carter	1/90	19
Liz Carter	1/90	19

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| Kristin Dontrich | 11/1 |
| Janet Olson | 11/6 |
| Daniel Sedivec | 11/8 |
| Jerry Crump | 11/11 |
| Tom Murry | 12/8 |
| Jean Nesunski | 12/26 |
| Gary Ogle | 1/8 |
| Gina Brenon | 1/15 |
| Cheryl Richardson | 1/19 |

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After a Busy Summer, Jefferson County Service Center Volunteers Gear Up for Fall
Thank you volunteers for your commitment to making this year a success

By Dale Chambers, Service Center Supervisor

When flooding and hurricanes affected hundreds of thousands in the Central and Southern United States this summer, Jefferson County volunteers once again showed their dedication and commitment to helping others in times of disaster.

After flood relief efforts subsided here at home, Hurricane Dolly was causing excessive rainfall and major flooding along the Gulf Coast. **Teena Kilo, Jim Ulbrich, and Sheila Ulbrich** deployed to Southern Texas and spent a little over two weeks working in logistics, feeding and sheltering.

If you are interested in helping during disasters like the local flooding or Hurricane Dolly, let us know. We'll help you complete the necessary paperwork and find the best position in the Disaster Services Human Resources (DSHR) System to fit your talents. Not able to travel away from home? Not a problem. We'll add your name to the list of folks who prefer to respond to local disasters. The more people we have available, the more families we can help when the need arises.

Of course, there is always the opportunity to volunteer with our Disaster Action Team (DAT). This June proved to be busy for DAT. **Phyllis Hahn, Leslie Kumke, Jerry Lambing, Charlie Meyer, Clara**



Robert Vinluan

Meyer, Tom Murry, Jerry Stevens, and Robert Vinluan took turns responding to **6 fires**, providing emergency food, clothing and shelter to **10 individuals**, and serving drinks and snacks to **130 emergency responders**.

In July, the fire responses were few and far between. Always ready to help, volunteers worked in the office as needed. Thank you, everyone for your patience, hard work, and dedication this summer. We appreciate each and every one of you!

This summer, our Community Disaster Education (CDE) presenters stayed busy with a variety of groups and types of presentations. In June, **Bill Kraemer** worked with **20 teens** from a local **Community Emergency Response Team (CERT)** in an effort to help them become more prepared for earthquakes.

We also partnered with the **Girl Scouts of Eastern Missouri** to bring lifesaving information to the scouts who attended Camp Cedarledge in Pevely, Missouri. Staff member **Elena Sabin** and volunteer **Jerry Stevens** made **16 presentations** to approximately **960 campers** during the course of the summer. Topics included Longfellow's Whale Tales and Disaster Dudes. Thank you to our entire group of CDE presenters. Great job, everyone!

To recognize the talent, energy, and dedication of the men and women who make up this great organization, the

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annual **Jefferson County Volunteer Recognition** dinner was held on Friday, August 22, at the First Baptist Church of Arnold. Every volunteer plays an important role in the services provided by the Red Cross. With that said, there are four Emergency Services volunteers who were chosen by their peers to receive awards for their exceptional efforts.

The **Community Disaster Education Award** was presented to **Jerry “the Red Cross man” Stevens**, who spent countless hours educating residents of Jefferson County in disaster prepared-



Celestia Gaudreault, and Judy and Jerry Stevens

ness. In the past year, Jerry made **165 presentations to 5,092 individuals** in our area. That’s nearly half of our total for the year! Jerry enjoys speaking to a wide variety of groups. Thanks, Jerry!

Since joining the Red Cross in 2005, **Robert Vinluan** has taken on many volunteer roles including Disaster Action Team leader, DSHR member, Lifeline installer and blood drive volunteer. Because of his willingness to be of assistance at a moment’s notice, Robert was honored with the **Disaster Services Award**. Whether it’s loading trucks at the warehouse, providing mass care or assisting clients one-on-one, Robert is always there with a smile on his face. Congratulations, Robert!

This year’s **Outstanding New Volunteer Award** went to **Charlie Meyer**. From his first days as a volunteer in May, 2007, Charlie has been eager to get involved and learn as much as possible. One of the first classes he took was Disaster Assessment, and instantly he was hooked. Within his first



Charlie and Clara Meyer

year, Charlie accepted **five DSHR assignments**, became a regular at blood drives, installed over **35 Lifeline units**. He also recruited his wife, **Clarabelle** to volunteer. Welcome, Charlie!

This year’s **Service Center Volunteer of the Year Award** went to **Leslie Kumke**. Leslie has been diligent in helping with all types of client casework in



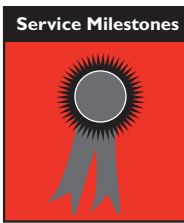
Leslie Kumke

the office and out on DAT responses. In addition to meeting with clients in our office, Leslie helped with feeding, sheltering and casework during the two flooding events this year and is

looking forward to future DSHR assignments. Leslie, thanks for all you do!

As a reminder, don’t forget to mark your calendars for our first ever **Community Heroes** event on Saturday, October 4, at the **Knights of Columbus Hall** in Hillsboro. Learn CPR, donate blood and prepare for emergencies alongside your neighbors. Community partners also scheduled to attend include the Jefferson County Sheriff’s Department, Goldman Fire Protection and Valley Ambulance, among others. Please contact our office if you are interested in helping with any of the events that day. Look for more details on Community Heroes events on page seven of *Red News*.

Finally, I’d like to thank each and every one of you for all the work you do to make Jefferson County a better place to live, work, and play. We truly have a great bunch of volunteers and we wouldn’t exist without you! ■



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Cindy Osborn	11/07	1
Bill Kraemer	11/06	2
Leslie Kumke	11/05	3
Marian Wallace	11/05	3
Ralph Spiker	11/04	4
Dan Staufienbiel	11/98	10
Gina Brenon	12/07	1
MaryBeth Davis	12/07	1
John Osia	12/07	1
Carie Lammert	12/04	4
Clarabelle Meyer	1/08	1