



**American Red Cross**  
New Hampshire and  
Vermont Region



Marshfield town  
Attn: Bobbi Brimblecombe  
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Dear Bobbi,

August 28, 2016 marked the five-year anniversary of Hurricane Irene and the devastation that the storm caused in our state. The Red Cross responded by setting up several shelters around the state, serving more than 15,000 meals, and thousands of bottles of water, and providing many other disaster relief items.

Just as we were there for Irene, we are there when there is a house fire and local families lose everything they own. We offer immediate relief in support in the hours and days immediately following a disaster, no matter its size. We prepare local volunteers to provide relief in the face of disasters. We teach people CPR and other lifesaving skills, and we canvass Vermont neighborhoods to install smoke alarms in an effort to reduce deaths and injuries from home fires. The Red Cross provides 40% of the nation's supply of blood and blood products. Through our Service to the Armed Forces, we support America's military families with a series of specialized programs. These are all the ways that we fill our humanitarian mission to prevent and alleviate human suffering in the face of emergencies by mobilizing the power of volunteers and the generosity of donors.

All of our services are **free** and we receive **no** funding from federal or state governments. To provide these services, the American Red Cross reaches out to community partners like Marshfield town for support. That is why the American Red Cross of New Hampshire and Vermont respectfully requests a donation of **\$500** for the upcoming fiscal year.

Last year, the American Red Cross of New Hampshire and Vermont provided the following services throughout our region:

- Red Cross disaster volunteers responded to **256** local disasters, helping over **1,218** people.
- We installed **1,827** smoke detectors in homes through our Home Fire Campaign.
- **303** Nurse Assistants and **28** Phlebotomists graduated from our trainings.
- We held **5,039** blood drives and collected **95,196** units of blood.
- We connected **628** military members with their families and loved ones with the help of our Service to the Armed Forces department.
- We currently have over **1,300** volunteers throughout the two states that help to make these services happen.

As we learned from Irene, a disaster or emergency can strike at any time with or without warning, and the American Red Cross is committed to being in the **Town/City** community to help its residents in times of need. Your donation will help to ensure that your residents receive the support they need when disaster strikes.

On behalf of the volunteers and staff throughout the New Hampshire and Vermont Red Cross Region, thank you for considering our request to support our humanitarian work. While we hope that no disasters hit your area, rest assured that the American Red Cross will be there to help if they do.

Sincerely,

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# Washington County Service Delivery: (July 1, 2015- June 30, 2016)

## Disaster Response

We responded to 10 disaster incidents assisting 62 residents of Washington County. Most of these instances were home fires where our volunteers and staff were present; offering food, clothing, lodging, emotional support and referrals to families in need both during the incident and for several days following. Some also resulted in ARC conducting mass care to responding fire departments including food, hydration and warm drinks; allowing them to maximize their time on-site.

Town	Disasters	Families	Individuals
Barre	4	17	46
Berlin	1	1	3
Middlesex	1	1	5

Town	Disasters	Families	Individuals
Northfield	2	3	4
Plainfield	2	2	4

## Home Fire Campaign

Red Cross volunteers canvased neighborhoods of Washington County to educate people on fire safety. We installed 32 free smoke alarms in homes and helped families develop emergency evacuation plans based on their individual needs.

## Service to the Armed Forces

We assisted 11 of Washington County's Service Members and their families by providing emergency communications and other services, including counseling and financial assistance.

## Blood Drives

During the last fiscal year Washington County was the home to 112 American Red Cross blood drives, collecting a total of 4061 pints of life saving blood.

## Volunteer Services

Washington County is the home to 43 volunteers with the American Red Cross. These volunteers do everything from responding to disasters in the middle of the night, to teaching safety courses, to helping at our many blood drives. Our volunteers are the true heart of our organization.

## Public Health and Safety Courses

Be assured that Washington County is a safer place to be because of the many health and safety courses offered by the American Red Cross each year. Last year Washington County hosted 94 courses where 472 people were taught a variety of important life saving skills.

### OUR FUNDAMENTAL PRINCIPLES:

Humanity | Impartiality | Neutrality | Independence | Voluntary Service | Unity | Universality

# New Hampshire / Vermont Service Delivery

## Overview

As a community-based, humanitarian organization, the American Red Cross provides relief to those affected by disasters and empowers individuals in our community to prevent, prepare for and respond to emergencies. By helping people in the New Hampshire / Vermont region learn how to take care of their families and neighbors, the Red Cross strengthens the community and readies it for all types of disasters, including home fires, storms, wildfires and health emergencies. More than 1,200 volunteers ensure the Red Cross fulfills its mission throughout New Hampshire and Vermont.

## Services

### Disaster Relief

When disaster strikes, American Red Cross workers are among the first on the scene, providing food, shelter, supplies and hope. Red Cross nurses administer health care and licensed mental health practitioners provide emotional support. Red Cross workers also provide referrals to aid in disaster recovery.

### Home Fire Campaign

In an effort to decrease deaths due to fire by 25%, Red Cross and community partners offer free smoke alarms and installation for those without. Go to [redcross.org/local/nhvt/in-home-smoke-alarm](http://redcross.org/local/nhvt/in-home-smoke-alarm) to schedule.

### First Aid, CPR and Disaster Preparedness Education

As one of the region's largest educational providers, the American Red Cross trains residents in lifesaving skills through multi-language online, community and workplace courses.



### Service to the Armed Forces

Through our global communication network, the American Red Cross provides emergency communications and other services, including counseling and financial assistance, to support military families.

### International Services

As part of the world's largest humanitarian organization, the American Red Cross helps provide immediate relief and supports community recovery following international disasters. The Red Cross also educates the public about International Humanitarian Law.

### Blood Services

The American Red Cross is the conduit through which some 4 million people give lifesaving blood, making the Red Cross the largest supplier of blood and blood products in the United States.



## American Red Cross - New Hampshire / Vermont - By The Numbers (FY2016)

### Responding to Emergencies

- Every 17 hours, on average, we assisted a local family
- 1,218 people received disaster assistance

### Increasing Health, Safety and Community Disaster Preparedness

- Every day, Approximately 90 people were trained in first aid, CPR, and water safety skills
- 32,724 people were trained for the year

### Serving the Armed Forces and Military Families in Emergencies

- Every 14 hours, on average, a military family was helped via emergency communications
- 628 cases connecting military members & their families last year

### Connecting Families Around the World

- 13 families in our Region who were separated from their families by war or conflict were reconnected

### Blood Services Collections

- Collected 95,154 units of blood
- A total of 52,370 people donated.
- All 40 hospitals in NH and VT receive their blood supply from the Red Cross

### Preparedness Programs

- Home Fire Campaign – Red Cross and Community Partners installed 1,829 smoke alarms
- Pillowcase Project – An in school preparedness program for kids grades 3-5 teaching them about disaster preparedness – 1,985 children participated