



Together, we can save a life



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DALLAS, TEXAS, February 28, 2008 – Every year since 1943, the President of the United States has proclaimed March as Red Cross Month. This year **President George W. Bush** signed the Presidential Proclamation, continuing this proud tradition. As a result, March has become a time for the American Red Cross to commemorate its past accomplishments and to look forward to future goals.

In keeping with this tradition, Dallas Mayor Tom Leppert, Councilmember Carolyn R. Davis and the Dallas City Council will declare March 5, 2008 as Red Cross Day in the City of Dallas. Ms. Davis will lead a Special Recognition Ceremony which will take place at 9 a.m. on March 5 at Dallas City Hall, located at 1500 Marilla – 6th Floor E South. Mayor Leppert and the Dallas City Council will recognize the Red Cross for its valuable contributions to the community.

“When a disaster threatens or strikes, the Red Cross provides shelter, food, and health and mental health services to address basic human needs and they’ve been doing it for decades,” said Councilmember Carolyn R. Davis. “It is imperative that agencies such as the American Red Cross and municipalities collaborate to meet the most urgent needs of our citizens at their most vulnerable moments.”

To also help kickoff the ceremony, Councilmember Davis will host a blood drive in conjunction with the American Red Cross Texas Blood Region **on Monday, March 3 from 10 AM to 2 PM** in the lobby of City Hall. The drive is open to the public.

To donate blood, a person must be in good health, be at least 17 years old and weigh 110 pounds or more. Volunteer blood donors must also show a picture I.D. at registration. Please bring a Red Cross donor card, a valid driver’s license with a photo or other form of official picture identification.

Each day the American Red Cross in the Dallas area strives to save lives. From responding to 670 disasters to teaching more than 150,000 people life-saving skills like first aid and CPR to collecting thousands of units of blood, the American Red Cross stands ready to serve our community.

“Although hurricanes and tsunamis make the headlines, many people forget that the day-to-day work of the American Red Cross takes place in communities like ours, and is made possible by hometown heroes who donate their blood, money and time,” says John Hansen, Executive Director of the American Red Cross Texas Blood Region. “We want to thank everyone who chose the Red Cross as their way to help out in our community and we also thank the Mayor and the members of the Dallas City Council for declaring March as Red Cross Month.”

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