American Red Cross, USAG Cincinnati

Cincinnati American Red Cross Programs and Services

**Programs and Leadership Volunteers**:

**The American Red Cross is a humanitarian organization that has a proud and long tradition of providing Red Cross services to military members and their families. Even though the Red Cross has paid staff, it must never be forgotten that the Red Cross has a strong partnership with volunteers. That partnership is needed to assist Red Cross in providing quality services to the Cincinnati community and military communities around the world.**

We teach Health and Safety courses, Disaster Services courses, conduct Red Cross Volunteer Orientations, Red Cross training in Casework and emergency communications and staff and management courses for the European area.

The American Red Cross Cincinnati Station’s community courses service a wide and varied number of demographic populations in the Cincinnati area. Red Cross conducts between 2-4 H&S related classes each month, as well as conducting 1-2 Orientations a month. Active duty military and their families, health service professionals, youth groups, and preschool programs all benefit from Red Cross Health and Safety Services.

**Emergency Communication: During 2016 the American Red Cross in Cincinnati serviced 552 emergency communication messages.**

**We also provided information and referral services to over 2,020 people.**

**Health and Safety** Courses: Our Health and Safety instructors taught approximately 400 people in the Cincinnati Community, CPR/First Aid/ AED, Babysitting and over 215 First Graders and Kindergartners the importance of hand washing.

**Medical Clinic**: The American Red Cross in Cincinnati has volunteers assisting in providing quality medical care at the Health Clinics on multiple bases. They assisted

in rendering over 2,300 health services to people in our Cincinnati military community.

**Dental Clinic**: Red Cross volunteers continue to volunteer in the Dental Clinic. Over a year ago, six Red Cross volunteers successfully completed the Red Cross Dental Assistant Program at the Dental Clinic.

**Disaster Services**: Our Red Cross disaster service volunteers participated in the Anti-Terrorism Exercise in October, by staffing a Red Cross canteen to provide snacks and refreshments to the First Responders and the others participating in the disaster exercise. Our disaster services volunteers and staff annually stand ready to respond to disaster activity, by assisting with staffing a shelter, assisting with mass feeding, establishing “Safe and Well” links so that family members may check on the status of people thought to be in the disaster affected area. We have also informed the Garrison that we can assist in providing clothing and lodging for disaster victims. We helped to staff the Garrison’s Family Assistant Center.

We collaborated with Cincinnati Religious Services to raise funds in support of Red Cross disaster reliefs efforts for the South Carolina floods and Haiti disaster reliefs following Hurricane Matthew.

Our Red Cross station sent 70 comfort kits to the American Red Cross at the Air Base, which were distributed to American evacuees from Turkey.

We also prepared comfort kits, which were mailed to troops in deployed locations.

**Outreach/ Wounded Warrior Program.** This year our Red Cross Station, in conjunction with the Wounded Warrior Program, sponsored a Resiliency Day for the staff of the United States Army Cincinnati Health Clinic by paying for their transportation and entry fees to a Ropes Course in the Cincinnati area. We also provided pizza and drinks for lunch. This Resiliency and Team Building event was well received.

Crochet Volunteers: We have volunteers who crochet Afghans blankets for Wounded

Warriors. They also crochet booties and hats that we give to the New Parent Support Group to give to new parents and parents of premature babies.

**Special Events**: Our volunteers regularly support the Cincinnati military community special events. One of our most successful events was “Read Across the Globe”. This

event was **held with many other organizations to raise awareness of the literacy crisis in communities around the world, inspire people to become literacy volunteers, and offer  the tools to help. In addition, Guinness World Record Partners joined together to break the world record for amount of children read to in a 24-hour period. Our Red Cross volunteers read to over 1,200 students during this event, which was the most of any Red Cross station in Europe.**

**Youth**: During 2016 we have had 20 youth volunteers to volunteer for us in the Cincinnati Community, They have volunteered at the Red Cross main office, the Vet Clinic, assisted in setting up for CPR and First Aid classes, Blood Drives, assisted with the Red Cross newsletter and other community special events.

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**SOME SPECIAL EVENTS THAT RED CROSS VOLUNTEERS PARTICIPATED IN DURING 2016:**

RED CROSS BALL ARMED SERVICES BLOOD DRIVE

CARE FAIR COMMAND OLYMPICS

RESILIENCY DAY FOR HEALTH CLINIC STAFF USO’s FUN IN THE SUN

SOLDIER READIDNESS PROGRAMS SUICIDE PREVENTION MONTH

FOR MULTIPLE COMMANDS

 READ ACROSS THE GLOBE

GARRISON’S ORGANIZATION DAY

 GARRISON ‘S SAFETY DAY

RETIREE APPRECIATION DAY BABY EXPO

ICE CREAM SOCIAL GIFT WRAPPING AT THE EXCHANGE

BUILDING 2948 OPEN HOUSE ARMY SUBSTANCE ABUSE COLOR RUN

RED CROSS MONTHLY ACTIVITIES TRUNK -A- TREAT

FLU SHOT CLINICS RED CROSS FIRST STATION DURING BOY

(OUR RED CROSS NURSES ASSIST SCOUT JAMBOREE IN BOBLINGEN

WITH THESE EVENTS)

DELIVERED AMAZON GLOW RUN

GIFTS TO TROOPS WORKING ON

CHRISTMAS DAY