



Together, we can save a life



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(Laurinburg, NC 8-15-07) In an ongoing effort to maximize resources while continuing to provide excellent service, a transition in management has taken place in the Robeson County Branch office of the American Red Cross effective July 1, 2007.

Scotland County Chapter has assumed the management of all Red Cross services in Robeson County. "The Board of Directors in Scotland County is committed to a smooth leadership transition. All services will continue to be provided to the Robeson County residents without interruption" said Eric Byrd, Board Chair.

The American Red Cross has been a part of Robeson County for 89 years. The organization is committed to providing its lifesaving and humanitarian services well into the future. In fact, through the dedication of our local staff and volunteers and the assistance of the Red Cross chapter in Scotland County, we do not anticipate any disruption of services and programs offered to the community.

One of the essential elements in ensuring these services continue is a strong volunteer base in Robeson County. In an effort to increase the number of much needed local volunteers, we are hosting a Volunteer Fair on August 23 from 5:30 until 6:30 at the O. P. Owens Center in Lumberton, said Pat Smartt, Branch Manager. "There are many areas where residents will have an opportunity to volunteer within Robeson County. We invite you to come to the fair and explore how you can be a part of the exciting changes that will benefit our community." The branch office is in need of people to work in the following capacities: (AFES) Armed Forces Emergency Service case workers, Blood Services Volunteers, (DAT) Disaster Action Team members, both local and national, Financial Development volunteers, Health and Safety Instructors and Office Assistants.

Smartt will continue to ensure local residents are able to obtain disaster and single family fire assistance, receive help with military communications, attend CPR and First Aid classes, and obtain safety and disaster preparedness information during this transition period.

"Disaster can strike anywhere at anytime and every community needs to be prepared to handle the needs. By bringing in additional resources and leveraging strengths, the American Red Cross will maintain its position as a focal point of disaster response in both communities." said Carol Ann Lentz, Executive Director. Lentz and Pat Smartt have already begun to meet with community leaders and local emergency management to ensure an ongoing partnership providing emergency services to the Robeson County community.

For more information call the Robeson County local branch office at 910-738-5057 or the Scotland County Chapter 910-276-0600.

The American Red Cross helps people prevent, prepare for and respond to emergencies. Last year, almost a million volunteers and 35,000 employees helped victims of almost 75,000 disasters; taught lifesaving skills to millions; and helped U.S. service members separated from their families stay connected. Almost 4 million people gave blood through the Red Cross, the largest U.S. supplier of

blood and blood products. The American Red Cross is part of the International Red Cross and Red Crescent Movement. An average of 91 cents of every dollar the Red Cross spends is invested in humanitarian services and programs. The Red Cross is not a government agency; it relies on donations of time, money, and blood to do its work.

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