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2004
American Red Cross
Lake-Kingsbury Chapter
Annual Report

Together We Prepare



MAKE A PLAN



Make A Plan
Build a Kit
Get Trained
Volunteer
Give Blood



American Red Cross

Together, we can save a life

Introduction

The American Red Cross has been serving Lake and Kingsbury Counties and the surrounding area since 1917. The Kingsbury County Chapter merged with the Lake County Chapter in 1994. The Lake-Kingsbury Chapter provides a “helping hand” that is needed following a disaster, helping to get loved ones home from the military during an emergency, training people in Disaster Services, First Aid, CPR and HIV/AIDS courses. Disaster relief and health and safety services are the main goals of our chapter.

We cover a population of 17,114 in Lake and Kingsbury Counties and provide Health & Safety Services to a population of 2,808 in Miner County. Lake and Kingsbury Counties cover 1,401 square miles.

Staff

Our chapter consists of a staff of one full-time director and one part-time Health & Safety Services Coordinator.

Board of Directors

A volunteer Board of Directors, who are elected to the board by the membership, governs the Lake-Kingsbury Chapter. An initial term of three years is served, at which time he/she may choose to serve an additional three years. After serving six years, the board member rotates off. He/she may return to the Board if re-elected after a one-year absence.

<u>Director</u>	<u>1st Term Expires</u>	<u>2nd Term Expires</u>
Bau, Cindy	August-2006	
Benson, Mary	August-2006	
Eliason, Shari	August-2007	
Ellingson, Samantha	Youth Delegate	
Groce, Charlotte		August-2006
Longville, JoLynn	August-2007	
Muellenberg, Tim	August-2005	
Parent, Phillip		August-2005
Shaver, Carol		August-2006
Weiland, Kathy		August-2007
Wilde, Monica	August-2007	
Witt, Elva	August-2007	

This annual report summarizes the financial status, services we provided, and other special events during 2003.

Disaster Services

Immediately following a disaster, Red Cross mass care provides emergency food, shelter, medicine and first aid. With emergency assistance, the Red Cross addresses urgent needs by supplying vouchers to pay for groceries, new clothing, temporary housing, medicine, and emergency home repairs to enable victims to resume independent living.

Red Cross Disaster Relief Includes:

1. Emergency Assistance
 - ✓ Temporary Housing
 - ✓ Pillows & Blankets
 - ✓ Food and Baby Formula
 - ✓ Comfort Kits (shampoo, deodorant, bar soap & face cloth, shave cream & razor, toothpaste & toothbrush, hair comb, facial tissue, hand & body lotion.)
 - ✓ Necessary Furnishings (including vouchers to purchase clothing)
 - ✓ Clean-up Kits (broom, mop, bucket, garbage bags, sponge)
 - ✓ Health Services (eyeglasses, emergency medical prescriptions)
2. Referral and Coordination with other local service agencies
3. Mental Health Counseling
4. Damage Assessment

Single Family Emergencies

Every day, more than 150 families turn to American Red Cross chapters for help in the aftermath of a house fire. Red Cross workers act quickly, often before the first fire is out, to find temporary housing and replace necessities-an important first step as fire victims begin to rebuild their lives.

The Lake-Kingsbury Chapter this year...

- ✓ Responded to 4 fires in and around Lake and Kingsbury counties assisting families with their immediate needs. (No charge)

The Lake-Kingsbury Chapter received these testimonials...

- You (the Red Cross) gave me hope when I didn't know where else to turn.
- It is so wonderful that the Red Cross was able to provide food for our family and the firefighters after our house fire.

Disaster Training & Education

The Lake-Kingsbury Chapter this year...

- ✓ Conducted 10 disaster-training classes, which trained 49 people in various capacities. (No Charge)

Armed Forces Emergency Services

Wherever members of the armed forces serve their country, volunteers serve by sending messages, verifying the need for emergency leave requests and supporting military families in times of stress.

The Lake-Kingsbury Chapter this year...

- ✓ Provided assistance to 25 families with military inquires or financial assistance. (No Charge)
- ✓ Presented “Get to Know Us Before You Need Us” to 140 National Guard soldiers and their families. (No Charge)

International Tracing

Tracing-exchanging Red Cross Messages-reunites family members separated by disaster, civil disturbance, or war. At a family’s request, the Red Cross also searches World War II records to learn the fate of individuals imprisoned in concentration and forced labor camps.

The Lake-Kingsbury Chapter this year...

- ✓ Assisted 2 families in their search for a family member. (No Charge)

Health and Safety Services

The Lake-Kingsbury Chapter...

- Certifies an individual in emergency skills such as CPR, First Aid, Life Guarding and Swimming.
- Trains an individual in other programs such as HIV/AIDS and Preventing Disease Transmission.
- Presents health and safety information at community presentations and health fairs.
- Provides educational programs to children and youth in our area through programs like Scrubby Bear, Basic Aid Training and Babysitting.

The Lake-Kingsbury Chapter this year...

- ✓ Conducted 272 (113% increase over last year) Health & Safety Services courses with 1,893 (142% increase over last year) individuals participating, including Learn to Swim, CPR and First Aid, HIV/Aids Education and Mission-Related Care giving.

Volunteers

Who is a Red Cross Volunteer?

Volunteers who willingly give of their time, money and blood to help others through the American Red Cross.

Gray Ladies

The Lake-Kingsbury Chapter Gray Ladies provide a valuable service by helping with the needs of assisted living/nursing home residents. We presently have 20 Gray Ladies volunteering for our chapter.

The Lake-Kingsbury Chapter Gray Ladies this year...

- ✓ Volunteered 2,654 hours.

Youth Corp

The Kingsbury Youth Corp has helped inform the community as to the importance of the Red Cross to young adults as well as adults. There are 9 students, of high school age, that have been busy this year. They volunteered at blood drives, helped with fund raising events, presented First Aid and Safety demonstrations at the elementary school. They also are taking CPR training and disaster education courses. Young people who become involved with the Red Cross receive valuable leadership experience and learn the satisfaction that comes from service to others – a gift that will last a lifetime.

DSHR

We have three volunteers in our Disaster Services Human Resource System. The primary purpose of the DSHR System is to support the efforts of Red Cross units in disaster-affected areas by having trained, experienced and readily available personnel who can be alerted and moved to disaster sites quickly and efficiently. DSHR volunteers will normally be expected to travel within 24 hours of receiving a recruitment call and must be available to work for a three-week period.

Other Volunteers

We are very fortunate to have many volunteers who donate their time and efforts to help with disaster relief, disaster training, Health & Safety education, special events, office duties, etc. We certainly owe each and every one of them a debt of gratitude for all of their hard work and dedication.

The Lake-Kingsbury Chapter Volunteer office staff this year...

- ✓ Volunteered 868 hours.

Blood Mobile

The Lake-Kingsbury Chapter volunteers support the important service of blood collection by helping with the Blood Mobile.

The Lake-Kingsbury Chapter this year...

- ✓ Collected 552 units of blood.

Special Events

We have had several special events this year that included...

- Waffle feed
- Red Cross Month “Dining for Disaster”
- Raffle
- Golf tournament

We would like to thank all of the businesses, organizations and individuals that contributed to the success of these events.

Yes!

**The American Red Cross remains ready to respond
in time of an emergency.**

We’ll help, will you?

A Message from the Chapter Executive Director

It has been my personal pleasure to be a part of the Lake-Kingsbury Chapter of the American Red Cross for the last two years. It is you, the backbone of the Red Cross, that I admire the most...who day in and day out give their all in service, show unending commitment to this great organization, and offer unwavering dedication to our nation and its communities and people

Our chapter has worked hard to break down the barriers of distance and perceptions to make our chapter successful. We've got to work together...employees and volunteers, chapter and chapter, chapter and service area, field and headquarters. We've got to work with businesses, with other nonprofits, with emergency response agencies at the local, state and national level. A good example of collaboration is "Together We Prepare". It's the program that has brought the whole Red Cross together. It has brought us together with the Department of Homeland Security and other key government agencies. While we still have a ways to go, Red Cross is integrated into the national, state, and local disaster planning like we've never seen before.

In the upcoming year, we will continue to educate and prepare our community in order to make us the best disaster-prepared Chapter in the country. We will continue to nurture and strengthen our volunteer base. We will continue to be a voice for the families of those serving in our Armed Forces. The past year has been a period of continuous change and vast opportunity. The new structure and focus of the chapter will build a stronger foundation for the services that we provide to the community for years to come.

We'll be there.

*Lou Vogt
Chapter Executive Director*

Mission of the American Red Cross

The American Red Cross, a humanitarian organization led by volunteers and guided by its Congressional Charter and the Fundamental Principles of the International Red Cross Movement, will provide relief to victims of disasters and help people prevent, prepare for and respond to emergencies.

Fundamental Principles of the International Red Cross Movement

- Humanity
- Impartiality
- Neutrality
- Independence
- Volunteer Service
- Unity
- Universality

DID YOU KNOW.....

- All Red Cross disaster relief is provided **free of charge**
- The Red Cross is **NOT** a government agency and does **NOT** receive government funding.
- 90 cents of every dollar spend nationwide goes to help people in need.
- Top financial publications such as *Kiplinger's Personal Finance and Money* magazines have consistently rated the Red Cross as one of the top U.S. charities.

Learn More About the Lake-Kingsbury Chapter of the American Red Cross

If you are interested in learning more about the work of the Lake-Kingsbury Chapter, contact:

American Red Cross
Lake-Kingsbury Chapter
116 W. Center Street
Madison, SD 57042

Support Your Red Cross

The programs of the American Red Cross are made possible by the voluntary services and financial support of the American people. To volunteer your time, contact the Lake-Kingsbury Chapter. To make a financial contribution, send donations to the following address:

American Red Cross
Lake-Kingsbury Chapter
P.O. Box 179
Madison, SD 57042

The Red Cross
Anonymous

*I'm blown away with your generosity,
And the spirit in which you give.
Your efforts toward humanity,
Has improved the world in which we live.*

*The resourcefulness of your people,
The commitment to your goal.
Has helped out so many,
Who have faced some heavy toll.*

*Praise, you've received little,
Donations, very few.
But the gratitude of the people,
Will always be with you.*