

PRESIDENTS COMMEND THE AMERICAN RED CROSS

"...enlist in the army of mercy mobilized under the banner of the Red Cross and contribute generously to the Red Cross..."

--President Franklin D. Roosevelt, 1943

"In order to help meet a growing post-war need, which would be multiplied in the event of a national emergency, this agency has inaugurated a national blood program intended to ensure eventually the availability of life-saving blood to the entire nation."

--President Harry S Truman, 1949

"The services of the Red Cross demonstrate our nation's tradition of neighbor helping neighbor."

--President Dwight D. Eisenhower, 1959

"Today as the Red Cross embarks upon its second century of service, each of us has an opportunity and an obligation to become a part of this humanitarian tradition. For only through our help is this important work made possible."

--President John F. Kennedy, 1963

"On every battlefield, a flag of mercy flies. Its white field bears a Red Cross-the universal symbol of human compassion. Under that flag, there are no enemies, no racial or religious animosities. There are only brothers."

--President Lyndon B. Johnson, 1968

"Born of war and raised in adversity, the American Red Cross has evolved many traditions in its universal quest to ease human suffering, but none have served it so durably as its tradition of flexibility."

--President Richard M. Nixon, 1970

"Through the years, the American Red Cross has maintained an outstanding record of voluntary humanitarian services, fulfilling with high dedication and skill the obligations of its congressional charter."

--President Gerald R. Ford, 1974

"I hope all Americans will reflect on the selflessness that has led so many of our neighbors to serve the Red Cross-and their fellow Americans-with their time, their energy, and their love."

--President Jimmy Carter, 1977

"With unfailing resourcefulness, zeal, and compassion, Red Cross volunteers have proved equal to the challenges of our time. In peace and in war, they have reflected the humanitarian instincts of the American people."

--President Ronald Reagan, 1981

"For millions of people in need. . . the Red Cross is a brilliant point of light-part of that vast galaxy of individuals, businesses, schools, churches, synagogues, and voluntary associations working together to solve problems. . . For 109 years that star has shone anytime there has been a need-anywhere there is a need. And today it dazzles still. . . providing light at the end of the tunnel, a rainbow through the clouds."

--President George Bush, 1990

"The long-term strength of our nation depends upon our willingness to live out the ideals long embodied by the American Red Cross. To celebrate our past and to safeguard our future, I am proud to commend the countless individuals whose courage and selflessness have sustained this organization for more than a century."

--President Bill Clinton, 1995

"By donating their time and energy to selflessly serve others, American Red Cross volunteers demonstrate the compassion and generosity for which Americans

are known. Their service paves the way to a brighter future for our citizens and people around the world."

--President George W. Bush, 2006

"The Red Cross has continued to serve those suffering from large and small-scale disasters. The organization is best known for its work helping communities deal with major disasters such as hurricanes, floods, and wildfires. These large-scale disasters represent a major part of the work of the American Red Cross. Just as important are the tens of thousands of small-scale disasters that occur every day in communities nationwide, and the volunteers who respond to them. These efforts include supporting our military and their families, collecting and distributing blood, helping the needy, delivering health and safety education, and providing aid abroad."

--President Barack Obama, 2009



MARCH IS RED CROSS MONTH



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