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**March Is Red Cross
Month**  **American
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RED CROSS CELEBRATES RED CROSS MONTH

With Open House March 11, 2010

Rhineland, WI –The American Red Cross is celebrating Red Cross Month this March by hosting an Open House on Thursday; March 11, 2010. The celebration will be held at the American Red Cross office (third floor of M&I Bank) 7 N. Brown Street; Rhineland. The public is invited to partake in complimentary refreshments, stroll through short exhibits, meet and greet Red Cross personnel -past and present -from 2:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. A short program will be conducted at 3:00 p.m.

On hand to view will be scrapbooks and old photo's from the Rhineland office's participation in local community events and disasters over the years plus learn about various Red Cross programs.

“Northern Wisconsin has always been a place of humanitarian action and compassion—a place where people take care of each other whether those in need are down the block or around the globe,” said Mae Nachman, Executive Director of the local chapter.

For more than 100 years, the Red Cross has supplied the nation with First Aid and CPR classes. The Red Cross will have old First Aid books to view and will show comparisons to the first aid of today. An AED trainer will be on hand for demonstration. Red Cross current and former staff, instructors, blood program personnel, and members of the disaster teams will be on hand to meet and greet. Honored guests include Red Cross personnel who staffed the Rhineland office during WWII.

In the past year alone, the local Red Cross has responded to 30 disasters and emergencies, assisted 73 military families and trained 8,900 people in lifesaving skills such as CPR and first aid. In addition, Red Cross volunteers donated over 5,600 pints of lifesaving blood this past year. Red Cross volunteers are the core of the Red Cross, donating their time and

energy to selflessly serve those in need; demonstrating the compassion and generosity for which Americans are known.

The local Red Cross counts on your continued support in the coming year. Disasters can strike our community at any time. This month and throughout the year, the Red Cross is asking people to give generously to your local American Red Cross. Gifts can be sent, payable to the American Red Cross, P.O. Box 1103, Rhinelander, WI 54501; or to 3057 Michigan Avenue, Stevens Point, WI; 54481

For more information, please visit the chapter website at <http://redcrossncwi.com> or contact the local Red Cross office at 715/362-5456.

The North Central WI Chapter of the American Red Cross serves the counties of Clark, Forest, Iron, Langlade, Lincoln, Marathon, Taylor, Oneida, Portage, Price, Wood and Vilas. A satellite office is located in Rhinelander, Wisconsin. Services provided by each local chapter of the American Red Cross include biomedical services, health & safety courses for the community, armed forces emergency services, disaster services and assistance as well as international services.

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About the American Red Cross:

The American Red Cross shelters, feeds and provides emotional support to victims of disasters; supplies nearly half of the nation's blood; teaches lifesaving skills; provides international humanitarian aid; and supports military members and their families. The Red Cross is a charitable organization — not a government agency — and depends on volunteers and the generosity of the American public to perform its mission. For more information, please visit www.redcross.org or join our blog at <http://blog.redcross.org>.