

3rd Annual *Heroes* Among Us



American Red Cross
East Shoreline Chapter

*Celebrating Everyday People
Who Are Everyday Heroes*

Wednesday May 19, 2010 at the Doubletree Hotel in Bay City

American Red Cross-East Shoreline Chapter
would like to honor the following Heroes in our Community:

Workplace Hero

Darrin Andrew is a resident of Bay County and an air traffic controller for MBS International Airport. In August of 2009, while on duty, he received a distress call from a private aircraft that had gotten mixed-up in unfavorable weather and issued a distress call. When responding to the call, Darrin issued turn by turn guidance until the plane landed safely at MBS.

Red Cross Water Safety Hero

Joe Baker is a remarkable firefighter from Monitor Township. While enjoying a day at the beach at Sanford Lake, Joe saw a 16 year old Flint native fall out of a canoe. Moments later the boy surfaced and yelled for help. Not one to shy away from helping out, Joe sprang into action and rushed into the water with a raft.

Good Samaritan Tuscola County

While working as a dispatch officer for Tuscola County, Robert Bashur received a phone call of distress. A male on the line requested an ambulance for his daughter who was having a baby. Almost immediately he could hear a female in the background request assistance because "the baby was coming"!

Emergency Responder Hero

Jim Casper is a 13 year veteran with the Bay City Fire Department. Not only is Jim a dedicated member of our fire department, he is also a dedicated member of our community. While eating lunch with his daughter at St. James Elementary School in Bay City, a 5th grade student began choking. A nacho chip had been lodged in his wind pipe and the student had stopped breathing.

Red Cross First Aid Hero

Tacey Gauthier is an RN at Bay Regional Medical Center and a resident of Bay County. During the summer of 2009, while off duty, Tacey responded to two separate emergency situations involving motorcycle accidents. On one occasion, Tacey's quick response and concern prompted her to jump into a ditch filled with water to assist an individual.

Good Samaritan Bay County

Karen Kramer was on a trip to North Dakota with her friend Karen Gwane when all of a sudden, Karen Gwane collapsed and stopped breathing. Karen Kramer immediately called 911 and started giving her best friend CPR.

Youth Heroes

A group of ISD students went above and beyond to help their bus driver after he passed out and fell over in his seat. This group of students banded together to stop the bus, check on the driver, and direct other students to emergency exits. Join us in honoring this amazing group of responsible citizens; Grant Walker, Britney Matthews, Alex Dewitt, Katlyn Scovill, and Royle Hampton.

Community Individual

Dave Malenfant is a volunteer instructor for the American Red Cross for the last few decades. You could mistake Dave as a staff member at the Red Cross because of the amount of classes he teaches. He is truly dedicated to teach people how to save a life. Last year he taught over 200 people!

Mary Adelman Award

Linda Giddings came to the Red Cross as one of many new volunteers for Hurricane Katrina in 2005. She found her calling in helping people affected by disasters large and small. Since Katrina, Linda has deployed eight times across the USA. She also serves her neighbors in Tuscola County on the chapter's disaster team and volunteers at Red Cross blood drives.

Margaret Bradfield Community Service Award

Rev. Andreas Teich has been pastor of Messiah Lutheran Church in Bay City since 1994. In addition to his pastoral duties at Messiah, he serves in leadership positions on programs within the Lutheran Church and is a volunteer chaplain at Bay Regional Medical Center. Andreas is very involved with multiple community agencies in Bay County including serving on many boards. He is also an active member of the Rotary Club of Bay City, where he helped to raise thousands of dollars for Polio Plus, Rotary's campaign to eradicate polio from the world.

Workplace Safety Hero

Tuscola County Behavioral Health Systems has recognized the importance of CPR/ AED training in its workforce. TBHS has 22 automated external defibrillators (AED's) within the organization. Six AED's are located within their direct operational sites and the remaining AED's are located at contract provider homes throughout Tuscola County. Each one of these sites offers opportunities to save a life.