



## Non Profit Spotlight

Each month we post a wish list for a different organization in town. **It is our hope that people in the community who see this list might be able to help meet these needs in some way.** If you have a wish list you would like posted, please send us an email with your attached wish list. If everyone gives just a little, we can help others..

### **American Red Cross, Santa Barbara County Chapter**

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**American  
Red Cross**

Santa Barbara County Chapter

#### **Our Needs**

Currently the American Red Cross, Santa Barbara County Chapter is seeking volunteers who would like to be trained to assist us in our response to local house fires, floods, wildfires, earthquakes and other disasters locally, regionally and nationally. The training is free.

In addition, we are seeking financial contributions to purchase more infant and child manikins (\$80 each) for our classes as well as training materials for our Learn to Swim Program (\$80 for a Youth Group Leader's Kit and \$5 per student).

Finally, we are also seeking Instructors to help us teach Babysitting, CPR classes for youth ages 10 to 17 and Learn to Swim classes.

For more information, please call 687-1331.

#### **Overview**

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.

## **Our History**

For the past 117 years, the American Red Cross, Santa Barbara County Chapter has helped Santa Barbara County prevent, prepare for and respond to disasters.

The Red Cross was founded in Santa Barbara County in Lompoc as a life boat service in 1891. In 1925, the American Red Cross, Santa Barbara County Chapter responded to the magnitude 6.3 earthquake that rocked Santa Barbara. The Red Cross helped Santa Barbara County respond to the major floods of 1952 and 1969 and assisted with the Sycamore Canyon Fire in 1977.

More recently, the American Red Cross, Santa Barbara County Chapter responded to the Painted Cave wildfire in 1990, the Zaca Fire in 2007 and this year's Gap Fire.

The American Red Cross, Santa Barbara County Chapter has also taken care of those affected by home fires in our County and has responded to national disasters like Hurricanes Katrina and Rita.