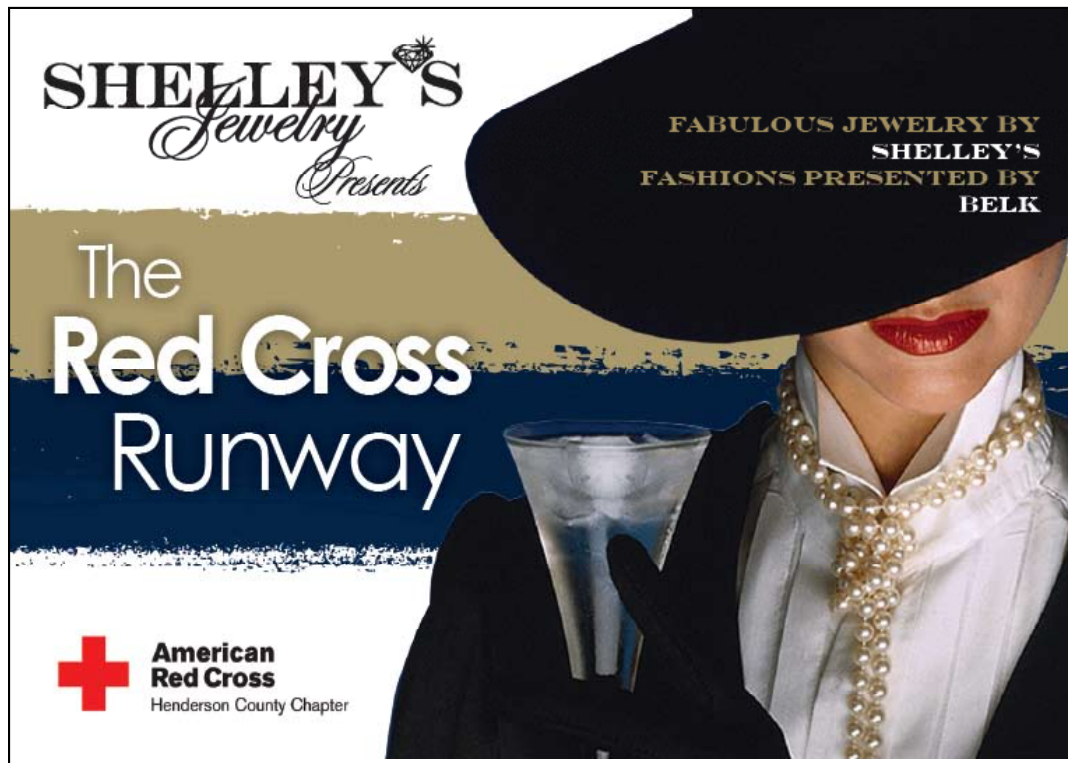


RED CROSS RUNWAY - APRIL 4

We are proud to announce that Shelley's Jewelry presents the Red Cross Runway. For those who are not familiar, this is our fashion

show fundraiser event. Spring fashions will be debuted by Belk's of Hendersonville & modeled by many well known community

faces. Ms. Tiffany Ervin will be MC'ing the show. This year we have a fabulous line up & extraordinary sponsors. Shelley's has donated a \$2,400 diamond that one lucky person will win that day in a raffle! Each guest will receive a cosmetic package from Belk's and a \$25 gift card from Shelley's and one of the gift cards will actually have a \$500 surprise bonus. Plus, we will also have many alluring raffles & door prizes. This is an event you will not want to miss! Give us a call and reserve a ticket or table in advance. This is a great opportunity for a ladies afternoon-out. Support one of your favorite organizations and have fun doing it!



Saturday, April 4th, 2009
11:30am – 2:00pm
Hendersonville Country Club
Brunch will be served
Tickets \$40 in advance
\$50 at the door

Reserve your tickets at the Red Cross office, Shelley's Jewelry, or The Visitor's Center on Main St. For more information call 693-5605.



Save the Date - June 25

22nd Annual WLOS-TV and Grace Lutheran Church Operation Blood Drive

Thursday, June 25

7:00 am – 6:00 pm

Grace Lutheran Church

(64 West and Blythe Street, Hendersonville)

For early registration, go to www.membersforlife.org/cbsr (code 6304). Please include your email address so that you can receive an email reminder in June.

To be eligible to donate Whole Blood at this drive your last donation must be no later than April 30 and for Double Red Cell donations, March 5.

Visit the web site at www.hcredcross.org or call us at 828-693-5605 for more information on how to volunteer or donate.

AED's are Valuable Lifesavers

Churches and businesses are taking steps to provide early care in cardiac emergencies. The Henderson County Chapter can help facilitate your company's purchase of a Automated Defibrillation Device (AED) from one of three companies. Let us guide you through the process and help you decide what you need for your location. The Red Cross can help you get discounted prices as well as setting up training once you get your machine.



Our first customer was First Presbyterian Church. The volunteers who took on the project were Glenn Richardson and Kathleen Stauffer. Here is a photo of them with their newly purchased Zoll AED, from left to right they are: Ellen Van DeWalle,

Glenn Richardson, Kathleen Stauffer and Carolyn Poteet, Associate Pastor.

If you want us to facilitate a purchase for your church or business, call Andee at 693-5605.

CPR SATURDAY - March 28

March is Red Cross month and what better way to celebrate than to offer free training for 100 people. On Saturday March 28, at the Mountain First Bank Operations Center on the corner of Glover and Spartanburg Highway, our Chapter will host 2 free Adult CPR classes. This is a special day as instructors volunteer their expertise to teach these free classes. Because equipment and space is limited, participants must register in advance for the class.

**We are proud to have two Platinum Event Sponsors:
Stuller Power Solutions
Mountain 1st Bank and Trust**

Their generous donations allow us to purchase new manikins for the event, supply materials for the participants, have a location

large enough for a class of 50, have snacks, light lunch and drinks for participants.

Volunteers are needed to help transport equipment and set up on Friday the 27th in the afternoon and on Saturday the 28 from 4:30 pm - 6 pm to take equipment back to the chapter and clean up the room. We also need volunteers from 11-12 and 4-5 to help correct tests and pass out cards. You don't need to be an instructor to correct tests, we have answer keys that make it very simple.

If you would like to volunteer to teach, transport, or correct, please contact Andee at 693-5605 or send an e-mail to andream@hcredcross.net.

Visit our web site at www.hcredcross.org

BLOOD SUPPLY FACTS

Did you know that Henderson County must collect an average of 24 units of blood Monday through Friday all year long to fulfill our part of supplying blood to our region? In fact the American Red Cross supplies 70% of the nation's blood! Whole blood only has a shelf life of 42 days, so even though our inventory may be fine one day, it can suddenly become critical for blood donors, new and old, to roll up their sleeves. Disasters and wide-spread illnesses are the primary drains on our supplies. So remember, "The need is constant. The gratification instant. Give Blood." You can find the schedule of our county's blood drives at our website www.hcredcross.org.

Direct from the Director

March is "Red Cross" month throughout the United States and here in Henderson County we're acknowledging you. Every president since Franklin Roosevelt in 1942 through President Obama has proclaimed that month-long designation for the nation's most recognized humanitarian organization. We proclaim YOU because that is who the Red Cross is. Over 96% of the Henderson County "Red Crossers" who responded to a disaster call, taught lifesaving skills, served at a blood drive canteen, answered the Red Cross phones and many other tasks were volunteers, maybe YOU. Almost 30% of our operating funds come from volunteer "Red Crossers" like YOU. Over 99% of the blood collected came from volunteers, like YOU. We have a great staff doing great work, but without YOU, there is no way we could accomplish all that WE (YOU and us) do. So....happy Red Cross month and thank YOU!

Mike Williams
Executive Director

WHAT'S HAPPENING!

Pet First Aid

March 19, Thursday 5:30 - 9:30 pm
Learn the basics needed to care for an injured or sick pet. Both dogs and cats are covered in the class. Cost is \$30.

CPR SATURDAY

March 28 Saturday 8-12 or 12-5
Mountain 1st Bank and Trust Operations Center 960 spartanburg Highway
Reservations are absolutely required for this free class as space is limited to the first 50 in each session. Thanks to our Event Sponsors Stuller Power Solutions and Mountain First Bank and Trust.

RED CROSS RUNWAY

Saturday, April 4 10am - 3:30 pm
Hendersonville County Club
Tickets are \$50 at the door, \$40 in advance. Call 693-5605 or go to Visitors Center for tickets.

Chapter Blood Drive

April 20, Monday 10:30-2pm.
Spring is in the air and its time to donate blood.

Thank You Red Crossers!

One of the seven fundamental principles of the American Red Cross is "Voluntary Service". At the Henderson County Chapter, we are very proud of the 158 active volunteer Red Crossers who donated over 7,126 hours last year - a contribution valued at well over \$71,000!

Recently, we had two new groups of volunteers who really made us look good. In January, Carlos Burges brought his company, Henderson Stucco & Roofing, in to replace our roof. This was not a budgeted expense as we did not anticipate the roof leaks to develop so quickly. The job bidding process brought a best estimate of over \$7,000 but Carlos volunteered to do the job for material cost only. Our roof looks great and our actual cost was \$3,000. That was like a contribution of \$4,000! I asked Carlos why he gave so generously at a time when so many people are consumed with financial worries. Carlos, who had previously attended our monthly Spanish-language first-aid & CPR classes, said "the Red Cross does good work for people and we want to give back. We don't have much money but we do have good skills." We have found that Carlos and his crew actually have great skills and they are great Red Crossers too! Mucho gracias Carlos!



helped me. Now after working here 10 years, everything I have comes from this town - I want to give back." If that wasn't enough, he then said "the Red Cross does good work for people and this is something we can do for the Red Cross." Well, our non-descript, battleship gray-trimmed building is now brightened up with beautiful beige paint and people stop and comment on how good it looks! Did I mention that Margarito donated the paint and the labor of his crew? The washing of the building, preparing, caulking and painting of the building is a contribution of well over \$2,000! Mucho gracias Margarito!

For the past several years, we have been receiving compliments on how good our yard maintenance is. During my first year at the chapter I brought my lawnmower from home and mowed the chapter yard each weekend. That was not my idea of an ideal landscaping arrangement but I received an offer from Rocky Holbert, who owns and operates R & H Landscaping, to take care of our yard. For the past three years, Rocky and his crew have been mowing, fertilizing, trimming, mulching and keeping our yard looking great! When the big snow came the first of March, Rocky showed up on his plow to clear our parking lot. Rocky's son, Hunter, accepted the chapter's Volunteer of the Year award on his behalf in 2007 when a schedule conflict kept Rocky from attending the program. Rocky sent his comment, "the Red Cross does good work and this is how I can give to the Red Cross." Thank you Rocky!

The Red Cross does do good work with the help of Red Crossers like Carlos, Margarito and Rocky. If you need good work done on your roof, paint project or landscaping, please contact these folks.

- Carlos - Henderson Stucco & Roofing: 681-5715
- Margarito - South Painting: 699-6830
- Rocky - R&H Landscaping: 685-8111

Less than a week after our roof was completed, Margarito Lubian stopped in to see me. Margarito owns South Painting, is a professional painting contractor, and he told me he would like to paint our building. This was almost too much to believe after the wonderful roofing experience so I asked him, "why?" Margarito replied, "when I came to the U.S. from Mexico, people

Save with Red Cross Blood Screening Program

In today's economy every penny counts and every little bit saved helps. The Henderson County Red Cross offers a unique low cost blood screening program that can help save on the cost of routine blood work expense. We offer standard panels and basic tests that your doctor may order to have done yearly at a reduced rate. This program is available to anyone & everyone. This is a great way to save. An example of savings is our CMP Plus Panel which is a complete metabolic panel with CBC, thyroid panel, & urinalysis our price for the panel is \$75. This panel has a value of \$400. We are able to keep prices

low due to our dedicated volunteers who help run the program and our fantastic phlebotomists. So many citizens are unaware that this program exists. We consider this beneficial to the community and hope that more people will take advantage of this service. Many of our patients are referred to us by their doctors. We do not require a doctor's order for testing. We offer this program every Wednesday 8:30 am - 10:00. Fasting is required after 12 mid-night for most tests. For more information visit our website at www.hcredcross.org or call Shelby Lands at 693-5605.

Touching Lives

The Red Cross Impact in Henderson County:

- 64 individuals (21 families) have been assisted after house fires, floods and other emergencies since July 1, 2008
- 2632 people trained in lifesaving and preparedness classes since 7/1
- 27 military families assisted, including emergency communications between families and military personnel overseas since 7/1
- 3,574 units of blood collected since 7/1
- 841 clients provided blood screen diagnostic or wellness panels and free blood pressure checks