

Town of Allenstown C/o Shaun Mulholland 16 School Street Allenstown, NH 03275



Dear Mr. Mulholland.

The mission of the American Red Cross is to prevent and alleviate human suffering in the face of emergencies by mobilizing the power of volunteers and the generosity of donors. We are a non-profit organization dedicated to helping local communities prepare for, respond to and recover from local disasters, most commonly home fires.

We also provide several other services which include supplying blood and blood products in the United States, emergency communication services for Military Service Members and their families, training courses for emergency preparedness, as well as certification courses for Licensed Nurse Assistants, babysitting, and First Aid/CPR. These services, amongst the other services and campaigns outlined below, help thousands of residents each year, and would not be possible without the generosity of donors and hundreds of local volunteers working together 365 days a year, 24 hours a day.

We provide all of our services **free** with **no** support from federal or state governments. In order to be able to provide these services, the American Red Cross reaches out to partners in the community like the **Town of Allenstown** for funding. It is for this reason that the American Red Cross of New Hampshire and Vermont respectfully requests a donation of **\$1,988.00** for the upcoming fiscal year.

This past year, the American Red Cross of New Hampshire and Vermont provided the following services throughout the region:

- Red Cross disaster volunteers responded to **256** local disasters, helping over **1,218** people.
- We installed **1,827** smoke detectors in homes through our Home Fire Campaign.
- **303** Nurse Assistants and **28** Phlebotomists graduated from our trainings.
- We held **5.039** blood drives and collected **95.196** units of blood.
- We connected **628** military members with their families and loved ones with the help of our Service to the Armed Forces department.
- We currently have over **1,300** volunteers throughout the two states that help to make these services happen.

As you know, a disaster or emergency can strike at any time without warning, and the American Red Cross is committed to being in the Allenstown community to help your residents in times of need. Your donation will go a long way in ensuring that your citizens receive the support they need when confronted by a disaster or emergency.

On behalf of the volunteers and staff throughout the two states, thank you for your consideration of this request to support the humanitarian work that we do. While we hope that no disasters hit your area, rest assured that the American Red Cross will be there to help if they do.

Sincerely,

Emily Poirier

Regional Development Specialist