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Greetings,

My name is Crystal Smith. I am a Volunteer Recruitment Specialist with the American Red Cross. I am reaching out to you in hopes of developing a partnership with the American Red Cross.

We are looking to recruit additional volunteers in Somerset County. Currently, the Red Cross responds to nearly 64,000 disasters every year – the vast majority of which are home fires. That means that every day, there is an average of one to two fires in our region. In addition to responding to these disaster situations, we are also actively working to educate the public on preparedness.

As you may know, over 90% of our workforce is comprised of volunteers, which is why we are looking for compassionate individuals who take pride in serving their community. 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.

Empowered by our mission, we work to help our fellow man as we serve our local communities. Right now, we are looking for good people and organizations to partner with and serve on our local Disaster Action Teams, volunteer with our Blood Services team, serve as educators for our Preparedness Education programs, host Fire Safety Events, serve as emergency shelter locations during disasters, or volunteer to Fundraise in support of our mission.

In Somerset, our Disaster Teams provide emergency response following local disasters, particularly home fires, and offer access to resources for necessities such as food, shelter and clothing for families who have suffered due to disasters and emergencies. I have included some literature to share some of our volunteer opportunities and experiences where people can make a difference in our region while volunteering with the American Red Cross.

If possible, I would ask if you can post on your local community board or mention us in your bulletin. We would like to reach as many people as possible. Volunteers can serve in schools, retirement centers, social groups, and in the community. I have attached flyers that highlight our volunteer needs. If you have questions, would like to develop a partnership, or would like to have a member of our team visit you, please do not hesitate to contact me. If you would like to join our team or know someone who would like to serve with the Red Cross, visit www.redcross.org/volunteer.

Thank you for helping the Red Cross serve this community and please feel free to forward this message and material to your partner organizations, neighbors, and friends.

Sincerely,


Crystal L. Smith