

Lifesaving Awards



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Inspiring Stories by Region

Red Cross Executive Director Handles Choking Crisis in the Northern Ohio Region

Todd James, executive director of the Red Cross [North Central Ohio chapter](#), was enjoying a relaxing dinner out with his wife, Kendra, when she clutched at her throat, giving the universal sign that she was choking. After confirming the situation, Todd immediately bent Kendra over to initiate back blows. When that didn't work, he moved to abdominal thrusts, which were effective in getting the food to dislodge. Todd says he is humbled by receiving the Certificate of Merit and grateful that he had been trained in Red Cross Adult First Aid/CPR/AED. Read about this impressive save on the region's [Facebook page](#) and get details in the [local newspaper story](#).



L to R: Todd James, Kendra James and Mike Parks, regional CEO of the Red Cross of Northern Ohio

Decades of Training for One Lifesaving Moment in the Greater New York Region

The school day was ending when Brian Maloney, a high school physical education teacher, and Dr. Thomas Turchiano, a school psychologist, heard a concerning announcement that help was needed immediately. A student collapsed in the girl's locker room. Both men, who are not only faculty members but also Red Cross Instructors and members of the school's emergency response team, sprang into action. After sprinting to the locker room, they worked alongside two school nurses in performing one round of CPR and utilizing the AED until the student's heartbeat returned. Fast forward a year and the student they helped has since graduated and is attending college. Read about how the team received the Lifesaving Award for Professional Responders on the region's [news page](#).



L to R: Red Cross Long Island Chapter CEO Jose Dominguez, Brian Maloney and Dr. Thomas Turchiano

Grandson Coached Through CPR When Grandmother Has Cardiac Arrest in the Cascades Region

Last year, 16-year-old Tayen Landers got in the car with his grandmother on his way home from school. He became concerned as his grandmother seemed to lose control and began swerving. In an amazing display of bravery and action, Tayen unbuckled his seat belt and put his foot on the brake, stopping the car. He then pulled his grandmother out and called 911. The 911 operator talked him through how to perform CPR until EMS arrived. Tayen's grandmother eventually regained consciousness while her grandson kept saying, urgently, "Stay with me Gram. Stay with me." We encourage you to watch the heartwarming [video](#) to hear from Tayen and his grandmother. You can also read all the details of this heroic save, for which Tayen received the Certificate of Extraordinary Personal Action, on the region's [blog](#).



L to R: Patty Landers with her grandson Tayen

Instructor Spotlight

Andrew Turner Au

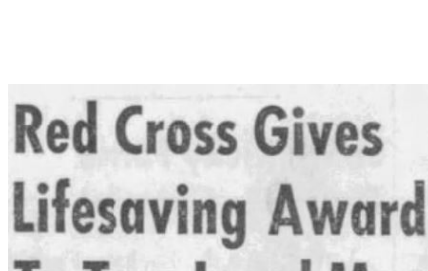
Each month we highlight an Instructor whose student(s) have used their lifesaving training to save or sustain a life. This month we recognize Andrew Turner Au. He taught Adult and Pediatric First Aid/CPR/AED to Officer Benjamin Moon. Officer Moon used his training to help save the life of an elderly woman who was found unconscious, without a pulse and not breathing at her residence. When he arrived on the scene, he quickly began CPR and continued until EMS arrived with an AED. The combined efforts of Officer Moon and EMS restored the woman's pulse. We extend our thanks to Andrew for providing the quality training that allowed his student to save a life.



Lifesaving Awards Vault

From the vault of the Patriot-Tribune (Glenmora-Lecompte, Louisiana), December 9, 1965

On this date in history, the Rapides Parish Red Cross chapter honored two local men, each credited with saving a life. Sam Bonnette, an employee of Central Louisiana State Hospital, used CPR on a patient who suffered a cardiac arrest while choking. Bonnette's quick action saved the patient's life. The same ceremony also honored Troop E Highway Patrolman J.P. Terrell, who prevented a woman from bleeding to death at the scene of an automobile accident. Each received a gold pin along with the Certificate of Merit.



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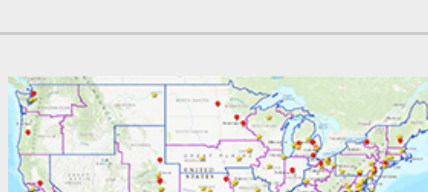


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Saving Lives Starts Here

If you or someone you know has used **skills** and **knowledge** learned in a Red Cross Training Services course to help save or sustain the life of another individual, visit [LifesavingAwards.org](#) to nominate them.

Want to know if you have a local hero in your area? Take a look at our [map](#).



Get Inspired!

The upcoming weeks hold important recognition moments for our work teaching people the skills to save lives.

- We honor EMS providers May 19-25 for their work on the front lines of emergencies.
- In the midst of that week is Stop the Bleed Day (May 23) where everyone is encouraged to learn how to handle life-threatening bleeding.
- And, the entire month of May we recognize nurses, one of whom, Clara Barton, founded the Red Cross.
- On May 7, save some time to hear from our Chief Nurse Linda MacIntyre, who will be conducting a Live event during Nurses Week with Training Services. If you are busy that day, you can always watch on demand on our [LinkedIn page](#).