

Lifesaving Awards



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Inspiring Stories by Region

Store Owner Jumps Into Action in the Illinois Region

Richard Bolton saw something startling outside the Bunker Military Surplus Store that he owns in Lansing, Illinois. Someone was lying on the ground, bleeding from the head. As a retired police officer and former nurse, Richard jumped into action, immediately providing direct pressure to stop the bleeding with a towel to the man's head. He then determined the man may be having a seizure, so he initiated care. EMS arrived 15 minutes later and credited Richard's quick actions with helping to save the man's life. For stepping up and helping to save a life, Richard earned the Certificate of Merit. The impressive details behind the save can be found on the region's [Facebook page](#).



Richard Bolton with his Certificate of Merit.

Heroic Baseball Fan Saves Life During MLB Game in Central Florida Region

Janie Morales was in the right place at the right time during a Tampa Bay Rays baseball game. Morales, an ultrasound technician trained in CPR, jumped over the seats to get to a man in distress. Not finding a pulse, she immediately began CPR. After the third set, the man finally took a breath. Paramedics later told Janie the man was conscious in the ambulance, breathing on his own and talking once he got to the hospital. Paramedics credited Janie for getting the man's blood flowing using CPR. We also applaud Janie for her quick thinking and crucial action that led to her receiving the Certificate of Extraordinary Personal Action. We encourage you to read more about it [here](#).



L to R: Janie Morales and mid-Florida Chapter Board member Sharon Christian

A Brave, Fast Response at a University's Recreation Center in the Louisiana Region

Five Louisiana State University (LSU) students jumped into action and used their Red Cross training to save the life of a 19-year-old student who collapsed while playing basketball. The team was quick to respond. They contacted 911, performed six rounds of CPR and delivered an AED shock to help the student regain consciousness before emergency personnel arrived. For stepping up with timely actions, Lifesaving Awards were bestowed on Simone Schomberg, Alona Olivier, Noah Davis, Luke Ducote, Monesha Miller-Becnel, Instructor Brittany Morris, and Ed Bush, Executive Director of the CapWest chapter of the Louisiana Red Cross.



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Not only did this remarkable response get highlighted on the region's [Facebook page](#), but it also was the subject of the [local news](#).

Instructor Spotlight

Each month we highlight Instructors whose students have used their lifesaving training to save or sustain a life. We extend our thanks to Gordon and Nancy for providing the quality training that allowed their students to save lives.

Gordon Gillis

Emmalee McCord, trained in Red Cross Adult and Pediatric First Aid/CPR/AED by Gordon Gillis, helped save the life of a tourist who suffered a shark bite in Hawaii. Emmalee helped a woman on the beach who was suffering from life-threatening bleeding. Recalling her training, Emmalee applied direct pressure to the arterial bleed and gave first aid guidance to other bystanders who were attempting to help. What is most remarkable is that Emmalee was only 12 years old at the time!



Nancy Kolley

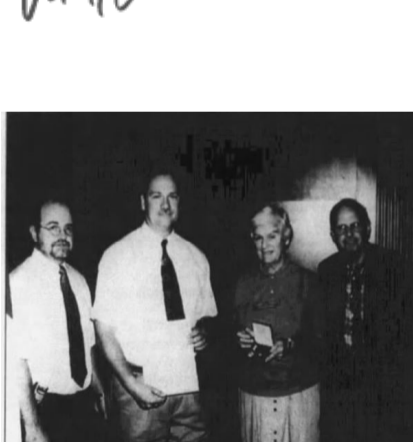
Todd Stewart, Kylie Adkins and Jose Mendez Jr., trained in Red Cross Adult First Aid/CPR/AED by Nancy Kolley, helped to save the life of a male co-worker. The worker collapsed and was unresponsive. The trio moved him to the floor while each took turns activating the first three steps in the cardiac arrest chain of survival: Jose called 911; Kyle began CPR and Todd went to get the AED. They continued care until EMS arrived and transported the worker to the hospital.



Lifesaving Awards Vault

From the vault of the Citizens' Voice (Wilkes-Barre, Pennsylvania), July 14, 2004

On this date in history, James Jay Delaney, a fire captain for the Wilkes-Barre City Fire Department, heard a call for help. He ran outside, finding a neighbor not breathing and without a pulse. One of the bystanders started rescue breathing while James Jay performed chest compressions, a skill he learned in a Red Cross CPR/AED for the Professional Rescuer course. When the EMS crew arrived, they asked James Jay to start advanced breathing with a bag-valve mask. The patient was then transported to the hospital.



From the left are Michael Zimmerman, Red Cross chapter executive, Jay Delaney, honoree, Mary Lou MacFarland, health and safety director and John McGowan, board chairman.

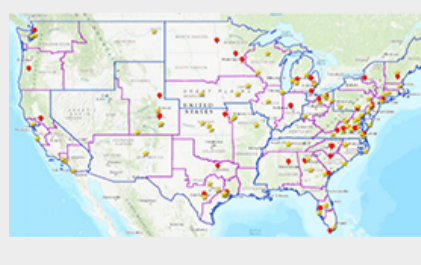


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Saving Lives Starts Here

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](https://www.AmericanRedCross.org/LifesavingAwards) to nominate them.

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



Get Inspired!

Did you know that even children can learn CPR? That's the topic of our latest Live broadcast on Twitter/X, LinkedIn and Facebook. In it, we discussed the importance of children learning first aid and CPR skills with Scientific Advisory Council member Dr. Elizabeth Hewett Brumberg. The goal? To normalize this early behavior and, we hope, improve response times to initiate CPR. Watch it on demand at your convenience. Not yet following us? Add us to your feeds:

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