

Red Cross Volunteers Paint Emergency Response Vehicle

Saginaw, MI ó American Red Cross Disaster volunteers know a thing or two about the importance of family. When they deploy to a disaster, it is family that they leave behind. And when they arrive to the area of devastation, it is family they find in the victims they serve and fellow volunteers.

The Saginaw County Chapter of the American Red Cross has a special member of the family, too. With only 271 Emergency Response Vehicles strategically placed around the country, Saginaw is lucky to have an ERV. And now, thanks to the generosity of his family, he has a bright new coat of red paint.

“Disaster response volunteers understand the important role these vehicles play from distributing meals after a hurricane to serving our local emergency workers” says Shannon Vasko, Director of Preparedness & Response, “and they become a member of the disaster response family.”

Volunteer Karen Wenzlick-Eickholt felt just that way when she recognized the need for a fresh coat of paint and eagerly volunteered her own time, money, materials, and of course, her own family. “ERV turned into a family affair.” said Karen Wenzlick-Eickholt. “My step-son donated the use of his work shop, my husband set up the large air compressors, and my future son-in-law and his friend spent about 16 hours each on the project painting.”

“The American Red Cross is not a government agency and we rely on the generosity of the American people, such as the Eickholts, to fulfill our mission,” Vasko says. To learn more about becoming a disaster volunteer or request a presentation, please visit www.redcross-saginaw.org or call 989-754-8181.

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