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### **The American Red Cross Recognizes 2008 Heroes at 7<sup>th</sup> Annual Heroes Breakfast**

Hyannis, Mass, March 8th, 2009 – The American Red Cross, Cape Cod and Islands Chapter recognized its 2008 Heroes at its 7<sup>th</sup> annual Heroes Breakfast. More than 500 community members, friends and family and business sponsors attended the event at the Resort and Conference Center at Hyannis.

Master of Ceremonies at the breakfast was Peter Meyer, Publisher of the Cape Cod Times and Judge Joseph Reardon (ret.) was the Honorary Chair. Hero awards were presented by community members and all state and senate representatives prepared citations to be presented to the award recipients.

Thomas McDonald of Groton received the **Swim Rescue Adult Role Model Hero award** posthumously. The award was being presented to his brothers Steve and Tim.

A special **Community Achievement Hero** award was presented to Sue Butler and son Peter, to recognize Patrick Butler, who was being recognized posthumously.

Other Heroes were recognized as follows:

**Fire Fighter:** Robert Hennessy, Hyannis, Deputy Chief Dean Melanson, Hyannis, Paramedic Donald Holigan, Hyannis, Paramedic Andrew Kleamenakis, Hyannis, EMT Matt McCarthy, Hyannis, EMT Jonathan Martin, Hyannis

**Law Enforcement:** Officer Marc Thibeault, Yarmouth, Officer Melissa Alden, Yarmouth, Officer Paul Mellet, Yarmouth, Christopher Van Ness, Yarmouth, Mike Peters, Wareham, MA State Police

**Medical Rescue:** Terry Fields, West Barnstable and Stacey Marshall, Brewster

**911 Dispatch:** James Fletcher, Sandwich, Jennifer Napolitano, Brewster and Brenda Nemeck, West Barnstable

**Adult Good Samaritan:** Andrew Roberts, Buzzards Bay and Robert Bennett, Monument Beach

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**Youth Good Samaritan/Role Model:** Girl Scout Teen Troop 80-679

**Military - Community Service:** 267<sup>th</sup> Combat Communications Squadron, Otis Air National Guard Base

**Military – Sea Rescue:** MH-60 “Jayhawk” Crew, , Lieutenant Douglas Atkins, Commander Shannon McCullar, Petty Officer Claude Morrissey, Petty Officer Jerome Trom, Petty Officer Mackenzie Skrba, US Coast Guard Air Station Cape Cod

**Animal Hero:** June Daley, Marstons Mills

**Environmental Hero:** Mark Robinson, Barnstable, Julie O’Neil, East Dennis

**Community Impact/Community Service:** Bill Dougherty, West Falmouth – Recovery Without Walls

**Medical Service – Global:** Laura Gill, Brewster

**Community Impact:** Sean Enright, Yarmouth Port – Sunflower School

**Community Service:** Patrick Princi, West Barnstable

**Educator:** Christine Yezukevich, Osterville

**Community Educator:** Matt Pitta, Harwich Port

**Individual with Disability Mentor/Role Model:** Carla Burke, Harwich

**Adult Mentor/Role Model:**

Linda Bradstreet, Yarmouth Port – Bridge to Hope – Upper Cape

Kris Clark, West Barnstable – miscellaneous – Mid Cape

Peter Hunter, Orleans – Canal Road Sober House – Lower Cape

**Youth Mentor/Role Model:**

Jeffrey Stranger, Centerville and Cape Cod & Islands Boy Scouts, Yarmouth Port

Mary Fuller, Buzzards Bay (Encountering Christ in Others (ECHO)

**Swim Rescue:** Tanya O’Donnell, Harwich/West Harrison, NY, Paul Finn, Chatham, John Summers, Chatham and Lee Tallman, South Yarmouth.

**Red Cross Achievement:** Sharon Hawkins of Hyannis.

The 8<sup>th</sup> Annual Heroes Breakfast is scheduled for March 4, 2010.

Nomination forms for 2009 Heroes will be online soon at [capecodandislandsredcross.org](http://capecodandislandsredcross.org). They are available by calling (508) 775-1540, emailing [heroes@cciredcross.org](mailto:heroes@cciredcross.org) or by writing to: American Red Cross, Cape Cod and Islands Chapter, 286 South Street, Hyannis MA 02601.

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