

American Red Cross
South Plains Regional Chapter

*2006 Annual Meeting and
Donor & Volunteer Appreciation Dinner*

September 28, 2006

The Humanitarian Knight symbolizes the creation of International Red Cross and Red Crescent Movement on a battlefield near Solferino, Italy in the middle of the 19th century. The Humanitarian Knight portrays an army of gallant knights in armor, carrying spears, and mounted on horses as they head into battle. The Humanitarian Knight expresses that even in the middle of battle, there is still a time and a place for humanitarian behavior.



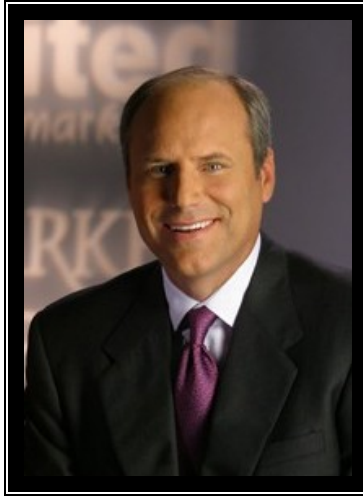
Clarissa Harlowe Barton



Clara, as she wished to be called, is one of the most honored women in American history for being a true pioneer as well as an outstanding humanitarian. As a pioneer and humanitarian, she risked her life when she was nearly 40 years old to bring supplies and support to soldiers in the field during the Civil War. Then, at age 60, she founded the American Red Cross and led it for the next 23 years. Understanding the needs of people in distress and the ways in which she could provide help to them guided her throughout her life. Her intense devotion to the aim of serving others resulted in enough achievements to fill several ordinary lifetimes.

Clara Barton was a leader at a time when women were not encouraged or allowed to be in leadership positions.

We at the Red Cross are constantly looking for individuals that honors not only their ongoing contributions to our community, but recognizes their similar pioneering and humanitarian commitment.



Dan Sanders

Dan Sanders is the Chief Executive Officer of United Supermarkets, Ltd. He brings a unique perspective to United, having helped develop marketing programs for 15 of the top 25 supermarket chains in America while serving as a Principal at AdPlex*Rhodes, a privately held advertising company specializing in supermarket marketing. He is best known at United for playing a key role in developing the original Market Street concept.

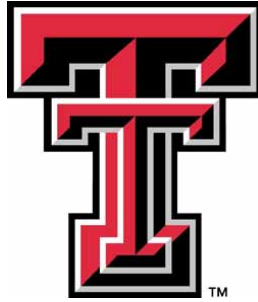
Prior to entering the business world in 1993, Dan was a decorated veteran of the United States Air Force, where he served as an instructor pilot and flight evaluator in the T-37 and the U-2 Spy plane. He is a combat pilot and veteran of the first Gulf War. Additionally, he served as an aide to President George H.W. Bush as a liaison between the White House and Air Force One.

Dan is a 1981 Lubbock Christian University graduate, where he played baseball for Larry Hayes. He also has completed studies at Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University and Harvard Business School. He is married to Shanna Renfrow, a native of Lubbock and Texas Tech graduate, and they have two children: Shaley and Travis.

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American Red Cross South Plains Regional Chapter

The South Plains Regional Chapter traces its beginnings to 1917 when a committee of business and civic leaders met to establish a Red Cross in the South Plains community area.

Mission Statement

The American Red Cross, a humanitarian organization led by volunteers and guided by its Congressional Charter and the Fundamental Principles of the International Red Cross Movement, will provide relief to victims of disasters and help people prevent, prepare for and respond to emergencies.

Misión de la Cruz Roja Americana

La Cruz Roja Americana es una organización humanitaria dirigida por voluntarios y guiada por el Estatuto establecido por el Congreso de los Estados Unidos y los Principios Fundamentales del Movimiento de la Cruz Roja Internacional. Como tal, su misión es ofrecer socorro a las víctimas de desastres, ayudar a la gente a prevenir emergencias, a prepararse para hacerles frente y a responder a ellas.

A year in review

Disaster Services

Local residents assisted by local Red Cross Emergency Services volunteers

In the past year, our local Red Cross Emergency Services volunteers have been especially busy responding to disasters such as house fires and floods that affected approximately 1609 residents in the South Plains area. This efficient and timely response is made possible by our Disaster Action Team. Together, they offer emergency related assistance to victims of natural and man-made disasters 24 hours a day, 365 days a year. With more than 103 cases in 12 months, our experienced disaster volunteers covered various aspects of our Red Cross disaster response, including casework interviews, damage assessment, shelter and feeding, health services, and crisis counseling.

In 2005, One thousand nine hundred thirty-two Katrina and Rita Hurricane survivors were sheltered in Lubbock, Texas.

8,788 local cases were referred to local partner agencies for various assistance.

Armed Forces Emergency Services

Red Cross services provided for local families of men and women in the Armed Forces

Today's American Red Cross is keeping pace with the changing military. Using the latest in computer and telecommunications technology, the Red Cross sends communications on behalf of family members who are facing emergencies or other important events to members of the U.S. Armed Forces serving all over the world. These communications are delivered around-the-clock, 7 days a week, 365 days a year. During the past year, the South Plains Regional Chapter assisted with the delivery of more than 346 vital messages to local service members or their families. Additionally, more than 1,210 soldiers, family members attended briefings prior to their deployment to learn about the local Red Cross services we provide to all enlisted personnel.

International Services

Families successfully assisted by the local Red Cross staff

Armed conflict and natural disasters separate thousands of families around the globe every year. Through the strength of the International Red Cross Movement and the work of tracing volunteers at national societies around the world, including the American Red Cross, families are reconnected. This year, 5 families were able to make contact with missing relatives.

A year in review

Health, Safety & Community Services

17,877 People trained with lifesaving Red Cross first aid, CPR and water safety classes

In its second year, the Water Safety program taught more than 3,100 residents drowning prevention education, which teaches people how to respond to emergencies and reduce child drowning through awareness and blocking access to water when young children are present. This year the department has also successfully expanded the number of businesses that received Red Cross workplace safety training.

2,271 people were served through first aid and emergency stations throughout the year.

Volunteer Services

Registered and trained local volunteers provide Red Cross services 24/7. As a volunteer led organization, the Office of Community & Volunteer Affairs helps to recruit and train highly skilled and dedicated volunteers which help to make the mission and the fundamental principles of the Red Cross a reality by providing effective and responsive community service. Our volunteers enjoy the satisfaction of helping people in need, "hands-on" work with our clients, community involvement, flexible volunteer schedules, ongoing training, career development, and leadership opportunities. Thanks to the tireless efforts of our local volunteers, we can proudly say that few people in the South Plains are left untouched by local Red Cross programs and services!



After witnessing the suffering of the wounded following the Battle of Solferino, Henry Dunant (1828-1910), a Swiss businessman, initiated relief efforts that led to the founding of the International Red Cross and Red Crescent Movement.

*"I have an almost complete disregard of precedent and a faith in the possibility of something better. It irritates me to be told how things always have been done
I defy the tyranny of precedent. I cannot afford the luxury of a closed mind.
I go for anything new that might improve the past."*



Clara Barton

*Angel of the Battle Field
Founder of the American Red Cross*



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