

**Ordinary people.  
Extraordinary courage.**

We use this term often when discussing our annual Real Heroes Breakfast in March....for it truly epitomizes the people recognized that day.

The Real Heroes event celebrates the power of humanitarian spirit in our community by honoring local citizens for doing something remarkable to help others.

“Hero” nominations are currently being sought for the following categories: Firefighter, Law Enforcement, Medical, 911 Dispatch, Workplace Safety, Community Group, Animal Rescue, Adult Good Samaritan, Youth Good Samaritan, and Spirit of the Red Cross.

An independent panel of judges will then review all nominations and select one per category to be awarded at the March 2010 event. A video vignette detailing their act of heroism is produced by our partners at KNDU and recipients will be presented with a personalized commemorative medallion.

Event proceeds will be used to support local services, such as assistance for fire victims, emergency military communications, first aid and CPR training and disaster preparedness information for our community.

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November 30, 2009**

**NOMINATE A HERO TODAY!**

**Disclaimer:** Award recipients will be chosen by an independent panel of community leaders. Acceptance of each nomination is at the discretion of the Benton-Franklin Chapter. Eligibility and availability will be verified.

## Chapter Services

**DISASTER SERVICES** - The chapter prepares for large and small disasters including residential fires. We provide temporary housing, food, clothing and household items *at no cost* as needed, and assist with recovery planning. The Chapter also stocks, staffs, and mobilizes an “Emergency Response Vehicle” to support personnel in larger operations.

Our local disaster volunteers are part of the national response system and are ready to take action in our community and around the nation when needed.

**SERVICE TO ARMED FORCES (SAF)** - The chapter is available 24/7 to assist local members of the military and their families. We provide emergency communications that link military personnel with their families, facilitate financial assistance and counseling and provides assistance to veterans. Often cases involve Red Cross help in arranging for critical emergency leave.

**HEALTH AND SAFETY SERVICES** - The health and safety of our community, especially our youth, are of paramount concern. The chapter offers community-based adult and infant first aid, CPR and AED, and baby sitting classes, as well as water safety instruction. We offer workplace training in CPR, first aid, injury prevention, universal protection methods and related subjects.

**[100%]** Funding for local programs comes from local donors (including 5% by United Way allocation).

**[253,000]** People in the Mid-Columbia region are served by the Benton-Franklin Chapter.

**[97%]** Of the Chapter’s workforce volunteer their time and services and do not receive compensation.

**[Free]** Disaster services & Services to Armed Forces (SAF).

**ADDITIONAL FACTS**

## NOMINATION INFORMATION



**“Ordinary People,  
Extraordinary Courage”**

**March 4, 2010  
Tri-Cities, WA**

**Location to be announced**



**American Red Cross**  
Benton-Franklin County Chapter

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