

# Resolve to make a difference in 2026

**By Matt Trotter**

American Red Cross

TOPEKA, JAN. 1, 2026 — A new year is here, and many of us are thinking about how to do something meaningful. Resolve to make a difference in 2026 by becoming an American Red Cross volunteer.

“Volunteers are the true heart of the Red Cross, making up 90% of our workforce and powering our humanitarian mission every day. Whether responding to disasters, teaching lifesaving skills, supporting military families, or helping patients in need of blood, their impact is profound,” said Jane Blocher,

executive director of the Red Cross of Greater Kansas.

In 2026, join a team of changemakers working together to make an impact. Sign up and be part of the solution.

## Help hospital patients blood transportation specialists

Blood Transportation Specialists bring lifesaving blood and blood products to local hospitals within their region. They choose when they want to help with either scheduled shifts or our on-demand opportunities. As an on-demand volunteer, you can choose shifts that fit your schedule. You’ll receive real-time alerts when hospitals have a critical request for ur-

gently needed blood and be on your way to the distribution site within 30 minutes to two hours. Your time driving could be the difference in helping save a patient’s life.

## Blood donor ambassador

If you enjoy connecting with people, consider becoming a Blood Donor Ambassador, a role that makes a real difference in your community. Ambassadors help ensure every blood donor has a positive experience, from the moment they arrive to the moment they leave. You’ll greet donors, assist with registration, answer questions, share helpful information and offer refreshments after their donation. Whether you volunteer regularly or occasionally is up to you.

## Be the calm during a disaster: Disaster action team

Every year, the Red Cross responds to over 65,000 emergencies. The vast majority of these are local, personal crises like home fires. These events may not make headlines, but they shatter lives. For more than 60 years, our Disaster Action Team volunteers have been ready 24 hours a day, 365 days a year — to deliver immediate relief, emotional support, and long-

term recovery resources. When disaster strikes, we make sure families never face it alone.

## Duty officer

As a duty officer, you’ll be the vital link between disaster responders and those in need — dispatching volunteers to scenes like home fires and floods, all from the comfort of your own home. This is a remote, on-call role that keeps our disaster response program running smoothly. You’ll coordinate with field teams, emergency partners and staff to ensure fast, effective help reaches those affected by disaster.

## Join them

Your time and talents can drive our lifesaving mission forward. Don’t see an opportunity here that speaks to you? One not available in your area? There are lots of other ways to get involved! Visit [redcross.org/volunteertoday](http://redcross.org/volunteertoday) and get started on what will be one of the most rewarding experiences of your life.

## About the American Red Cross:

*The American Red Cross shelters, feeds and provides comfort to victims of disasters; supplies about 40% of the nation's blood; teaches skills that*

*save lives; distributes international humanitarian aid; and supports veterans, military members and their families. The Red Cross is a nonprofit organization that depends on volunteers and the generosity of the American public to deliver its mission. For more information, please visit [redcross.org](http://redcross.org) or [CruzRojaAmericana.org](http://CruzRojaAmericana.org), or follow on social media.*

## LEGALS

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Hutton is requesting bids from Mechanical/Electrical contractors for a HVAC System Replacement on B820 on Fort Riley. All qualified contractors and vendors are encouraged to bid and must be eligible for participation in Federal programs. Bid packages are requested by 01/15/2026 at 2:00 pm. Bid information is available through Hutton Corporation, 137 S 5th St, Salina, KS 67401. PH 785-825-4664.

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**IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF GEARY COUNTY, KANSAS**  
(Pursuant to Chapter 59 of K.S.A.)

In the Matter of the  
Estate of:

Case No. GE-2025-  
PR-000056

DAVID MILLER,  
Deceased.

## NOTICE OF HEARING AND NOTICE TO CREDITORS

THE STATE OF KANSAS TO ALL PERSONS CONCERNED:

You are notified that on December 29, 2025, a Petition was filed in this Court by TRACIE DESSART, an heir of DAVID MILLER, deceased, requesting Petitioner be appointed as Administrator of the Estate, without bond; and Petitioner be granted Letters of Administration.

You are required to file your written defenses to the Petition on or before February 5, 2025 at 1:30 p.m. in the District Court of Geary County, 138 E 8th St., Junction City, Kansas 66441, at which time and place the cause will be heard. Should you fail to file your written defenses, judgment and decree will be entered in due course upon the Petition.

All creditors are notified to exhibit their demands against the Estate within the latter of four months from the date of first publication of notice under K.S.A. 59-2236 and amendments thereto, or if the identity of the creditor is known or reasonably ascertainable, 30 days after actual notice was given as provided by law, and if their demands are not thus exhibited, they shall be forever barred.

TRACIE DESSART, Petitioner

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## Clarks Creek 4-H meeting

By Alexis Zajac  
Clarks Creek 4-H

The Clarks Creek 4-H meeting occurred on Sunday, Dec. 8 at 1 p.m. at the St Paul’s Lutheran Church in Junction City, Kan.

Eleven members were present. For committee reports, a recap of the club’s Christmas float at the Junction City

Christmas parade was given.

In new business, the 4-H Day’s activity was discussed and it was decided that the club would participate in the Model Meeting at the Feb. 7 4-H Day. For the program, the club assembled and delivered cheer boxes to local supporters of 4-H.

The next meeting will be on Monday, Jan. 12 at 7 p.m.



Clark's Creek 4-H members who participated in the Cheer Box delivery.

(Courtesy photo)