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Disaster Management with the Canadian Red Cross

Every year, Disaster Management volunteers assist thousands of people affected by emergencies and disasters - from a fire in a single family home, to a flood or storm that has disrupted the lives of individuals and the economy of entire regions. The Red Cross is also active prior to a disaster helping individuals and communities prepare for and reduce the impact of disasters by providing personal preparedness training. Regardless of the size of a disaster, the Canadian Red Cross works to ensure that those affected receive adequate access to basic needs that include family reunification along with disaster information/referral, emergency lodging / shelter, emergency feeding, first aid and emotional care and comfort, emergency clothing, safe water and sanitation.

Disaster Management's comprehensive training program prepares volunteers with the skills and knowledge to deliver assistance. Red Cross works with communities, and all levels of government and other service providers to prepare for and respond to disasters. We work with our donors and corporate partners who provide support with financial contributions and needed supplies, as well as with governments and agencies to coordinate assistance to people affected by disasters.

The range of disasters that the Canadian Red Cross has responded to in the last few years means that Disaster Management must plan for and be ready to adapt to crises ranging from floods, forest fires and ice storms, to chemical spills, airline disasters, terrorist incidents and health emergencies, such as SARS and pandemics.

The Disaster Management Team of the Canadian Red Cross Ottawa Branch is looking for volunteers for various positions (Responders, Instructors, Public Education Presenters, Translators) to assist in the Ottawa Region.

Please feel free to contact me:

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