



**American
Red Cross**

Central Vermont & the New Hampshire Valley

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Jennifer Peterson
Town of Waitsfield
Nine Bridge Street
Waitsfield, VT 05673



Dear Jennifer,

The American Red Cross of Vermont and the New Hampshire Valley welcomes the opportunity to serve the residents of Waitsfield each and every day of the year. Consisting primarily of local volunteers, the Red Cross provides emergency support for victims of fire, flood and other disasters as well as instruction in health, safety and aquatics courses. Whether we are supporting one displaced family after a home fire, mass sheltering and food service for many families after a major disaster, or food and beverages for first responders and emergency volunteers at local fires and traffic accidents, we have historically been a vital part of the local community. This past year alone, the Vermont and New Hampshire Valley Region of the Red Cross responded to over 100 major incidents and served approximately 5,000 people in our area. Although the media gives the greatest attention to larger disasters, the vast majority of responses occur at the local level.

Since the Red Cross is not a government agency, we rely on individuals and communities to support our efforts in helping to prevent, prepare for, respond to, and recover from emergencies. Toward that end, we are asking for funding in the amount of five hundred dollars (\$500) this year. We are also requesting that you consider adding a yearly contribution as a line item on your budget of \$500 per year for three successive years commencing fiscal year 2011 to the American Red Cross. This contribution will help ensure that Waitsfield and surrounding communities continue to receive the assistance needed when disaster occurs.

Thank you for your support.

Sincerely,

Larry Crist
Vermont & the New Hampshire Valley Region

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