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Red Cross celebrates National CPR/AED Awareness Week

[SPOKANE] Washington, May 28, 2009 - In the time it takes you to read this information, Sudden Cardiac Arrest (SCA) will have claimed another victim. Over 300,000 Americans die of SCA every year, but up to 50,000 of these deaths could have been prevented through the proper use of CPR and an automated external defibrillator (AED).

The American Red Cross Inland Northwest Chapter is proud to celebrate National CPR/AED Awareness Week (June 1- 7) by offering free community demonstrations of the skills necessary to save lives.

IN SPOKANE:

CPR/AED PUBLIC DEMONSTRATION

June 1st - 11:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.

River Park Square (Second floor outside of Nordstrom)

Join Red Cross instructors for a free interactive demonstration of CPR and AEDs. Answer questions, get involved and win special giveaways!

IN PULLMAN:

CPR/AED, FYI

June 5th - Noon - 1:00 p.m.

Gladish Community Center Rec Room

Clint Cole, co-creator of the portable Automated External Defibrillator (AED) will speak about the evolution of AEDs and why they are important. This hour-long lunchtime program will include a CPR/AED demonstration by a certified Red Cross instructor.

For more information about these events or to sign-up for an American Red Cross CPR/AED class, contact Jody Steensland at (509) 326-3330 x209.

About the American Red Cross

The American Red Cross helps people prevent, prepare for and respond to emergencies. Last year, some 500,000 volunteers and 35,000 employees helped victims of over 70,000 disasters; taught lifesaving skills to ten million participants; and helped U.S. service members separated from their families stay connected. Almost four million people gave blood through the Red Cross, the largest supplier of blood and blood products in the United States. The American Red Cross is part of the International Red Cross and Red Crescent Movement. An average of 90 cents of every dollar the Red Cross spends is invested in humanitarian services and programs. The Red Cross is not a government agency; it relies on donations of time, money, and blood to do its work.

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