

Around the world. Across the country. Down the street.

American Red Cross, Greater Carolinas Chapter
Helping Mecklenburg and Iredell counties prevent, prepare for and respond to emergencies



Disaster Services

Every day, someone in the U.S. needs the help of the Red Cross after a natural disaster such as a home fire or flooding. *This year, your local Red Cross chapter provided 336 families with emergency services.*

Families of service members receive around-the-clock communication networking that connects them with their loved ones. *This year, your local Red Cross chapter helped 349 families get in touch with their loved ones serving in our armed forces.*



Service to the Armed Forces

Health and Safety Education



Getting trained with the Red Cross means being prepared for life-threatening situations. Our trainees have the ability and know-how to save lives. *This year, your local Red Cross chapter trained 39,950 people in life-saving skills.*

When you donate blood, you have the ability to save three lives. *This year, your local Red Cross chapter helped collect more than 42,500 life-saving units of blood and plate-*

Blood Services



Transportation Services



Residents in Mecklenburg and South Iredell counties can receive free transportation to and from their critical medical appointments. *This year, your local Red Cross chapter provided more than 18,000 trips.*



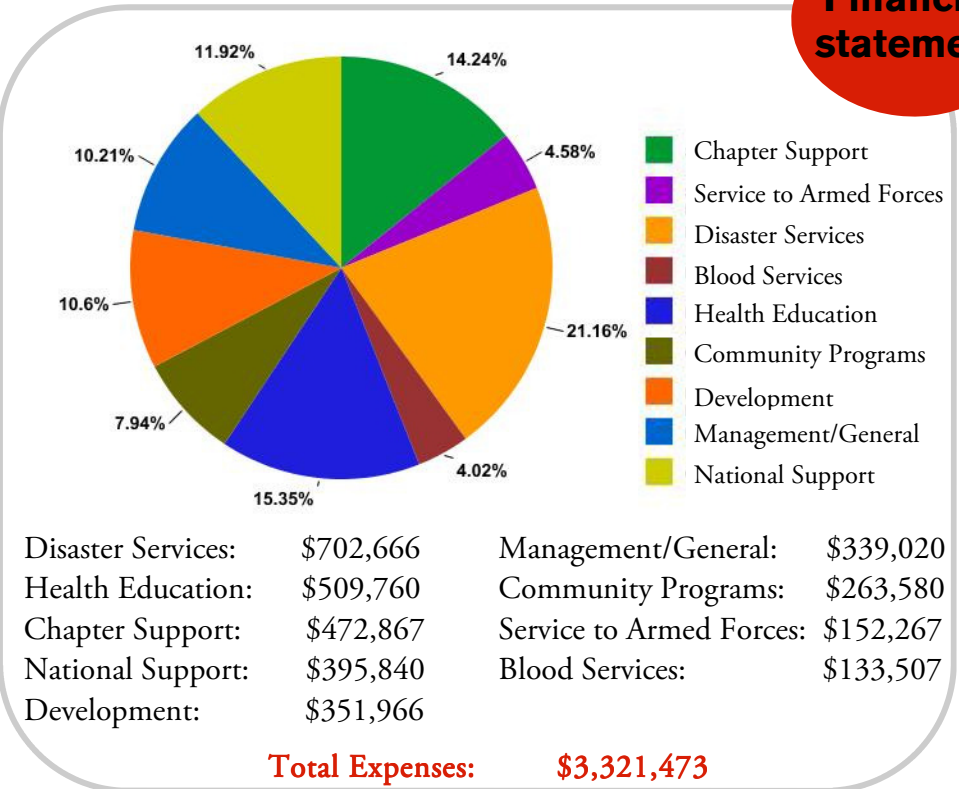
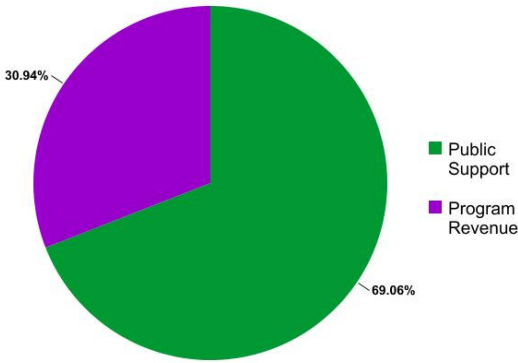
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Our chapter relies on our volunteers and donors to continue our mission.
Find out more at 704.376.1661 or visit www.redcrosshelps.org.

Although the American Red Cross works closely with government organizations, the Red Cross functions independently from the government and receives no general funding from government agencies.

Sources of Support:

Public Support: \$2,517,523
 Program Revenue: \$1,127,775
Total Revenue: \$3,645,298



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YOU make it happen

It was a slow morning at the pool. Twenty-three-year-old lifeguard Aly watched as 13-year-old Ian and his friends played in the shallow water.

Aly noticed Ian began floating facedown in the water. When she got to him, he was unconscious. Aly pulled Ian to the side of the pool and began giving him rescue breaths. Emergency medical technicians (EMTs) arrived and took Ian to Carolinas Medical Center.



Ian (far right) and his family are thankful Aly was trained in CPR.

"I remember we had to read him his last rites," said family friend Robert Boyd, tearing up. Fortunately, after several days in the hospital, Ian made a full recovery.

"The ER doctor said there wasn't any brain damage because of how quickly Aly acted," Robert said. Aly credits her American Red Cross training for the skills she needed to help save Ian's life that day.

Thank you for helping to give this story a happy ending.