

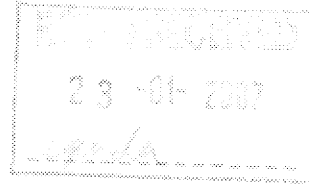
Canadian Red Cross

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The Municipality of York Region
Regional Chair Bill Fisch
17250 Yonge Street, P.O. Box 147
Newmarket, ON, L3Y 6Z1

January 10, 2007

Dear Regional Chair Bill Fisch,



March is Red Cross Month and on behalf of the Canadian Red Cross, Region of York Branch, I would like to request your support for our campaign through an official proclamation. I have attached a template proclamation for your review. Please feel free to contact us to answer any questions you may have.

As the Red Cross partners with the fire department in every municipality in York Region, we are once again requesting that our flag be raised at local fire halls to celebrate this partnership. This year we would like to formally raise the flags in all municipalities on Thursday, March 1, 2006. We would like to invite you, Councillors and the Fire Chief to join us in raising the flag in your community. Beverly Verwey, Disaster Management Coordinator will contact you concerning the event. Again Red Cross would be pleased to supply a flag to be flown for the month of March if you require a new one.

Our goal during March is to raise awareness of the services Red Cross provides; not only around the world, but in each and every Canadian community we serve. Across Canada, the Red Cross offers many valuable community services including Disaster Response Services, Emergency Preparedness Training, Safety Services Training and Home Healthcare Equipment loans.

When disaster strikes, Red Cross staff and volunteers leap to action to help those affected. In the aftermath of a house fire, flood, tornado, storm or any other emergency, Red Cross is there to provide for basic needs including food, shelter and clothing.

This March, we want Canadians to get to know us better. With your help, more Canadians will understand what their Red Cross can do for them.

Thank you in advance for your support. If you like more information or to discuss the proclamation or flag-raising ceremony please contact Beverly Verwey at 905-830-9565 or 1-800-361-9448

Sincerely,



John Chen
Branch President