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Southborough woman named Volunteer of the Year

Southborough's Christine Tebaldi has won the 2013 Chandler Blackington award, given by the Disaster Services department of the American Red Cross of Eastern Massachusetts.

The Red Cross on June 18 recognized volunteers and partners from across the region at its annual Volunteer Appreciation Ceremony, this year held at Lombardo's in Randolph.

The award is given to a volunteer who has made a significant impact on the equality of service that the American Red Cross of Eastern Massachusetts is able to provide to a specific community through prolonged commitment and collaboration with other community partners.

Tebaldi serves as the regional Disaster Mental Health team leader. In addition to managing the regular activities of the mental health volunteers throughout Eastern Mass, Tebaldi also served as the Mental Health Chief during the Red Cross response to the Boston Marathon. She continues to work many hours providing mental health coordination to the injured families and representing the Red Cross on many community meetings and collaborations.

"Our volunteers are the lifeblood of our organization," said Jarrett Barrios, CEO of the American Red Cross of Eastern Massachusetts. "Ninety-five percent of our work hours providing disaster relief, emergency food and lifesaving skills are performed by volunteers. These awardees represent the best of those who carry out our mission to alleviate suffering."

Tebaldi is one of 15 volunteers and partners to receive accolades this year. Individuals from the Red Cross' various programs and services were recognized for their effort and dedication. Do you want to volunteer with the American Red Cross? Visit RedCross.Org/Ma/Boston/Volunteer to find out how you can join our mission.

About the American Red Cross: *The American Red Cross shelters, feeds and provides emotional support to victims of disasters; supplies about 40 percent of the nation's blood; teaches skills that save lives; provides international humanitarian aid; and supports military members and their families. The Red Cross is a not-for-profit organization that depends on volunteers and the generosity of the American public to perform its mission. For more information, please visit redcross.org or visit us on Twitter at [@RedCross](https://twitter.com/RedCross).*