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From Whitehorse to Vancouver and everywhere in-between, the Canadian Red Cross is here, ready to help those who need it most. As the largest humanitarian organization in the world, the Red Cross is dedicated to improving the lives of vulnerable people by mobilizing the power of humanity at home and around the world.

In British Columbia & Yukon, the Red Cross reaches out to people in need, offering them support, training and information in a variety of ways. This brochure outlines the various programs and services offered by the Red Cross.



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PROGRAMS AND SERVICES



At the Canadian Red Cross we focus our efforts on three main areas: Disasters & Emergencies, Prevention & Safety, and Community Health and Wellness. Within these areas we provide a range of programs and services, such as:

DISASTER MANAGEMENT

Whether it is a family home destroyed by fire or a flood that disrupts the lives of an entire community, the Red Cross works alongside local authorities and First Nations to ensure people have access to: emergency shelter, food, clothing, disaster information, referrals, first aid, emotional care, and family reunification. We train local volunteers to help prepare for and respond to disasters in their own communities.

INTERNATIONAL PROGRAMS

The Canadian Red Cross responds globally. Our Health Emergency Response Unit provides medical care where hospitals may be damaged or overwhelmed. Our trained experts help coordinate shelter providers to deliver effective assistance in the aftermath of disasters. We support primary health care training, water and sanitation programs, landmine education and other services worldwide. The Red Cross gives mothers and their newborn babies a better chance through health initiatives that have directly benefited more than 12 million people.

VIOLENCE AND ABUSE PREVENTION

Education is key to preventing abuse, bullying, violence and sexual exploitation. Our nationally recognized Respect Education program aims to stop the hurt before it starts by teaching children, youth and adults how to recognize the signs of bullying, abuse and harassment, and how to get help.

FIRST AID, SWIMMING, AND WATER SAFETY

The Red Cross teaches first aid and CPR with easy-to-follow steps that empower people to help prevent or respond to a health crisis. We also help more than a million Canadians each year develop healthy, safe attitudes and practices in, on and around water.

RESTORING FAMILY LINKS

When family members are separated by conflict, natural disaster, migration or other humanitarian crises, the Restoring Family Links program helps them re-establish contact.

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HEALTH EQUIPMENT LOAN PROGRAM

More than 70 Red Cross locations across B.C. & Yukon lend a variety of health equipment ranging from canes and walkers to hospital beds and patient lifts. Working closely with health care professionals, the appropriate equipment enables clients to remain at home longer, safely leave the hospital sooner, or spend their final days in the company of family, friends and pets in familiar surroundings. Our specialty services also lend equipment to eligible children and people with limited income.

ABORIGINAL ENGAGEMENT

The Red Cross works with dozens of First Nations communities to help strengthen resiliency. Partnerships include advanced first aid and emergency preparedness training, as well as bullying, violence and abuse prevention workshops.

DETENTION MONITORING PROGRAM

The Red Cross provides independent monitoring of detention facilities that hold immigration detainees. We promote a protective environment in which detainees are treated humanely and where their human rights and their inherent dignity are respected.

FIRST CONTACT

When refugee claimants arrive in British Columbia, a single phone call to First Contact will link them with assistance in more than 60 languages, 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. First Contact volunteers provide referrals to settlement agencies, legal, paralegal and health services, housing, and other supports such as English classes or employment services.

SMARTSTART

Newcomers to Canada can take Red Cross basic first aid and disaster preparedness training in their first languages to help them better respond to emergencies in their new environment.



HOW YOU CAN HELP

The Canadian Red Cross Society is part of the largest humanitarian network in the world. Join us! You could volunteer in your community, make a donation, or plan a legacy gift.

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